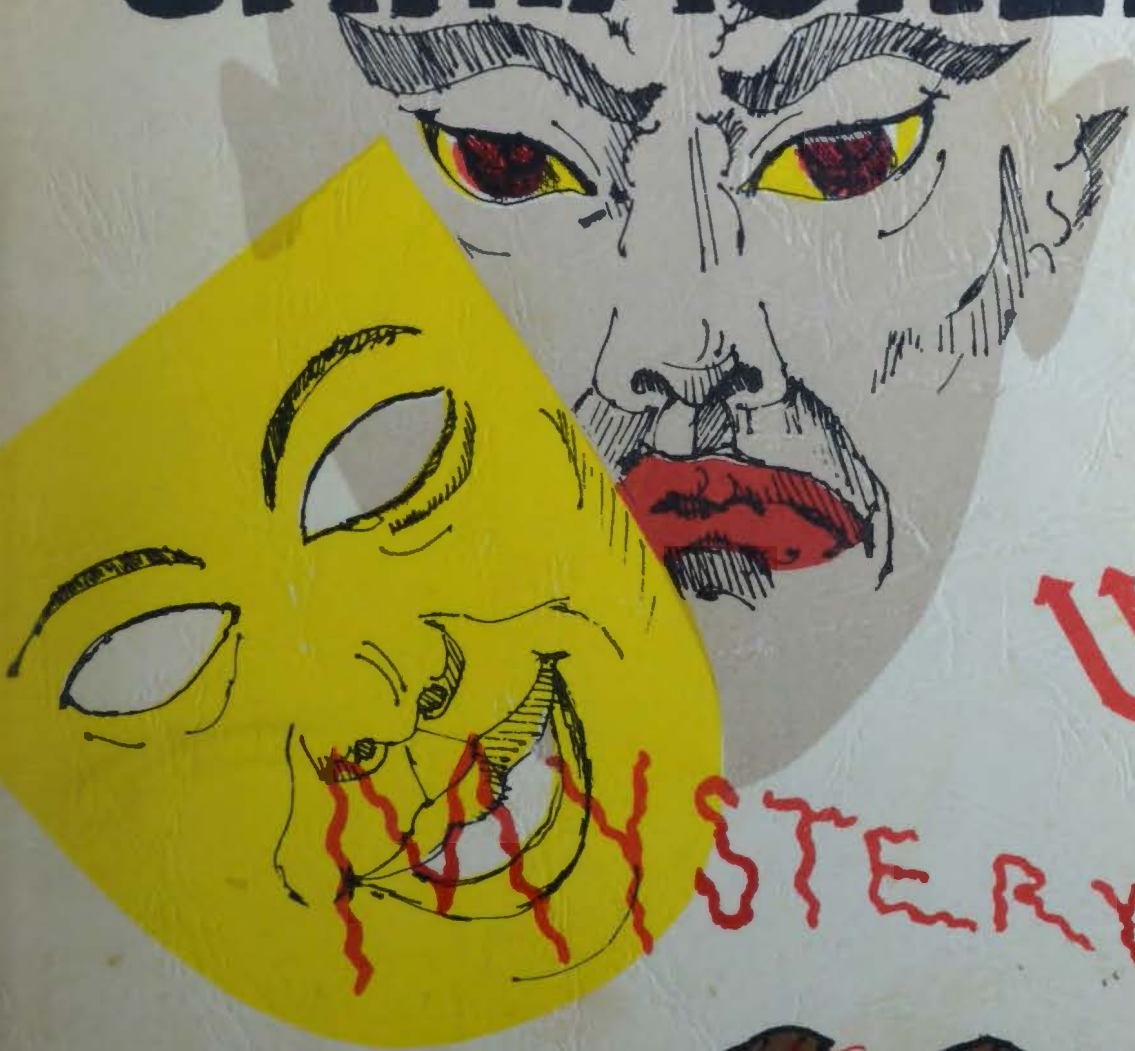


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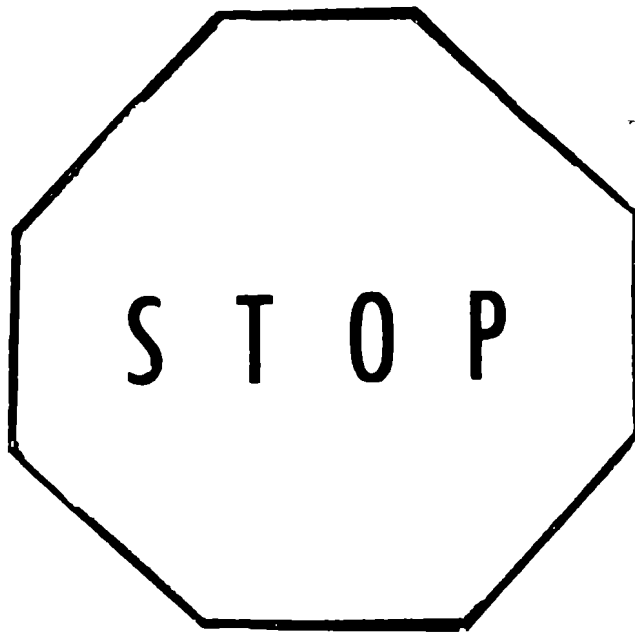
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INTRODUCTION FIRST

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This book came out of a very traumatic experience. The original draft was written while the author was taken captive by terrorist guerrillas for 28 days, from Christmas day 1980 to January 21, 1981. One of the chief concerns of the guerrillas was that their captive keep absolutely quiet. For this reason he was permitted to write and given the necessary pens and notebooks to do so, in order that he would stay silent and make no noise.

Writing during every moment of daylight, the basic concepts, this book was written in one week. However, the second draft, with all the necessary research, took much longer. For many years the author had wanted to share, in writing, these concepts which he had shared with hundreds of youth, and which had brought very positive changes in their lives towards the service of God and mankind. The enforced vacation was very appreciated for this reason.

In a life or death situation, one thinks differently than in the ordinary day to day existence, so if you feel some of the concepts to be very strongly stated, please keep this in mind. It was done in love.

Also, for the readers who are of Christian background, we plead understanding for the strong language and perhaps what would seem to be an over emphasis on the negative immoral areas of Satanism. Please keep in mind that this book is written for the man on the street who is being hit by a tremendous barrage of negative and destructive information. If he can understand what it really is, where it comes from, and why it is dangerous to him, so that he will choose to turn away from it to God, the book will have accomplished its' purpose. For minds jaded with todays media only straight, forthright, contrastive exposure will be grasped and heeded.

We, also, ask that it be understood that this is a pre-publication edition many of the illustrations will be improved for the next edition. Because of the ancient nature of much of the material discussed, it is impossible to find as good photos or negatives as one would wish for. However, the concepts and ideas in the illustrations are so worth while, we are sure you will appreciate them.

Although the book is an exposure of Satanism, in no way do we desire to express malice or negative feelings toward any persons who may have been innocently deceived and involved. The truth is that there is not a person that has lived in this world, with the exception of the Lord Jesus Christ, that has not been in some way deceived by the wiles of the Evil One.

Our purpose is to expose the system, not criticize those who have been involved in it, because actually we all are involved in one way or another. None of us dare point the finger at the other, for 'all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' Romans 3:23. Thank God we don't need to stay in a mud hole just because we may have fallen in by mistake, or even if we have chosen to wallow in it for awhile. We can still be freed if we choose to be.

What a wonderful thing to know that there is forgiveness for all of us and the possibility of a new life in joyful harmony with our God as we accept His great sacrifice for us, and the provision of His Spirit for power to overcome the onslaughts of the Evil One.

If there ever was a time in history when we need to be prepared to meet his shrewd delusions it is now. The Bible says, "for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Revelation 12:12

Our prayer is that this book may help you to "resist the devil" so that "he will flee from you," again "resist stedfast in the faith." James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:9

CHAPTER ONE

DEVILISH DESTRUCTIVE DEMONS

"Hey, John, what is going on in this world? Look here! This paper tells about a public high school in California that is teaching Satanism as one of its courses. Here's another article that originated in the San Francisco newspaper saying that many public school teachers are disgusted and protesting because the school board has authorized gay teachers to present homo-sexualism as a part of their sex education program. In their class presentation, these teachers are even teaching the children to imitate the demonstration of the different positions that homosexuals use in their intercourse activities. The children are taught that this is a perfectly normal part of life."

"That's going on in our public schools?"

"Yes, and in the same paper is an article about a youth who murdered one of his best friends while demon possessed, but he says it wasn't him but the demon that did it through him. He says that he is not guilty. It will surely be interesting to see what the judge decides on that one. That movie 'The Exorcist' is giving a lot of people an excuse for their irresponsibility. It is actually getting popular to be possessed of the devil!"

"I can appreciate why you are so shook up, Ron. It just seems like the world is falling apart at the seams, or like a terrible sinister force is taking control of people. I was reading the Digest the other day, and found an article called 'YOU'LL BE A HOOKER OR ELSE!' I couldn't believe how rotten and degenerated things have gotten. It told about a girl, Teri DeLoache, who lost her job in Oakland as a waitress, so she went to her union boss of Local 28. He told her that with the beautiful body she had she could really be making money and offered her a prostitute's job in Washington, a topless waitress job in Reno; she could be a model for a porno studio in San Francisco, or if she really wanted to make big money she could perform sex acts with dogs and other animals at a club in Las Vegas! Can you believe that?"

"Worst of all the guy tried so hard to force her to be his mistress or accept one of these jobs that she had to sue him to protect herself. Even the underworld is taking over many legitimate unions and enslaving their members!"

"But, John, It's not only here in the U.S.A. Nation after nation is involved in revolution. Terrorism is rampant in practically all of the countries of Central America and Africa. There are terrible crippling strikes in England, as well as other parts of Europe where they are already in economic crisis. It seems like the people don't care if they destroy their own economics."

"That's right, Ron, and with the threat of communism taking over one country after another, the Middle East crisis, etc., there is just no peace anywhere. The world is going mad; and on top of this, we have the energy crisis threatening to cause the economic collapse of the nations. What do you make of it all? Things really look rough for the future!"

"They surely do, John, and now with the atomic energy plants causing great pollution and danger, we can't depend on that either. However, I think the worst curse we have is the moral pollution where no one can be trusted."

"Ron, remember when we were reading the Bible the other night and we found this thing of the mark of the beast, that without it no one will be able to buy or sell, also that we will have to receive that mysterious number 666?"

"Sure do, John. I was just talking to a friend in my factory today that bought a place out in the country. He can raise his own food, he has a spring on it and he's fixing a windmill for an independent energy source and then barricading his place against intruders because there's going to come a terrible financial crash accompanied with horrible diseases and starvation. He thinks it's the only way he'll be able to survive."

"He also told me that all of these occurrences are predicted in the Bible and that very soon we will have a world dictatorship and terrific religious oppression like in the dark ages. It's really hard to believe, but he showed me some prophecies in Daniel 2 and 7, that predicted the exact rise and fall of the great world empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Then how Rome would be divided up into ten Tutoic tribes; seven of these exist to this very day, like the Anglo-Saxons of England, the Franks of France and the Alemans of Germany. But the worst of all, as the prophecy continues in Revelation 13, it shows how a terrible religious-political power whom he calls the anti-christ, will try to take over the whole world and force the people to take his mark and number of subservience or face economic boycott and death. Ron, if the prophecy was right in all its other predictions, do you suppose this one could come to pass too?"

"Well, one thing sure, John, the world is pretty disillusioned with inept, crooked political leaders and probably would be happy to accept a strong leader who could miraculously bail them out of their socio-economic difficulties and unite the world into a great world government."

"But, do you think the people would accept that even at the loss of their religious freedom?"

"It just depends on how bad things get."

"Look at China and Russia and just lately Nicaragua. Their governments got so corrupt that they were willing to accept communism and there is surely no freedom in that system!"

"Wow, do you suppose the way the United States is going with what happened in Watergate and all that, it could happen here?"

"Listen, John, why don't we get together with this friend of yours after supper tonight, and find out what he knows. Maybe we should 'head for the hills' too,"

"O.K., Ron, I'm sure he'd be glad to help us. I'll see if I can bring him over tonight."

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

"Ron, this is Ernest Rand, the friend I spoke to you about, and even though he is very busy, he was glad to come over to help us find the answers to our questions."

"Great, John. Come on in, Ernest. We really want to know about this 'beast thing' and his number, '666'."

"I am delighted to share with you what I have learned. In order to understand what these symbols mean you will have need of some historical background. I have spent several years researching this subject, and have found the following books most helpful. The most informative and complete outside the Bible are Alexander Hislop's, THE TWO BABYLONS; next is ADONIS, ATTIS and OSIRIS, by Sir James George Frazer. Also I found much information in the NEW LAROUSSE ENCYCLOPEDIA, in its section on 'Mythology,' with an introduction by Robert Graves, and a DICTIONARY OF GREEK AND ROMAN GEOGRAPHY, by W. Smith. Finally you could check out the mythology sections of the ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANICA and G.A. Cooke's TEXT BOOK OF NORTH SEMETIC INSCRIPTIONS. I also have some other books that I'll show you later on these things."

"From the Bible and these other historical works we have found the following amazing facts. In Ezekiel 28:12 and on, and Isaiah 14:4-14, the fallen angel 'Lucifer' is presented as the king of Tyre and of Babylon. He is also shown to be the one who, although 'created perfect in all ways', was the originator of iniquity and became known as, 'that old serpent called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.' This is in Revelation 12:7.

"In the book TWO BE ONE I found:

There are remaining in many primitive beliefs, stories of a fallen angel, or a god who fell out with the other gods, or a conflict among the stars. Typical is the pre-Columbian belief in the great plumed serpent Quetzalcoatl, and Azouatemaqua, the leader of the band of fallen angels, or of Loki of Scandinavian mythology, who is ultimately bound for hindering the gods. Chinese tradition talks of Chi'yu, who aspired to the position of Shangti, the lord of high, and corrupted the human beings to support his rebellion. Because of this and its consequences, the lord established a barrier between heaven and earth. Nostalgic reminiscences of the time when heaven and earth were mutually accessible seem to be the closest ancient Chinese approximation to the paradise concept. This is taken from "Chinese Mythology" ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, B, 643, 1969 Ed.

"Ezekiel 28 tells us that Satan was the 'covering cherub' or the angel that stood closest to the throne of God. He served as God's chief messenger or 'light bearer,' as his name Lucifer meant this as well as meaning 'sun of the morning' Sadly this glorious angel, who was so greatly loved by God and highly honored, somehow became proud of his beauty and honored position and began to take the honor and glory for himself, rather than reflecting it joyfully back to his beloved Father and Creator who had bestowed on him these blessings. From this moment a horrible cancer began to grow in his mind, that is called 'sin or rebellion or disharmony'

"Pride is concentration on, and the lifting up, of one-self, which produces selfishness. Selfishness immediately puts one to competing with his Creator and all those around him. Thus we find Lucifer saying, 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north (God's own throne), I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High. Pride and sin both share the same middle letter 'i'. Lucifer really had 'I' trouble."

"Steed explains:

His ideas for the government of God could not be acceptable, as they were in opposition to life, love, and truth. In his pride and jealousy, he sought change and balance where none could be accepted. This desire he called equality.

Recognizing that he depended upon life from the Creator, Lucifer sought not to eliminate good, but simply to make an addition, to give balance but this God called evil, for it was opposite to absoluteness of God and His character. There is no room in the Almighty's plan for a variation of the eternal principles of life, love, and truth-- attributes of His character.

"Lucifers' equation would appear like this:

GOD + LUCIFER = Superiority

GOOD + EVIL = Equality, Harmony, and
Oneness, Completeness
and Enlightenment

Since the angels really didn't know what evil was, he was able to deceive many of them to think that his 'conjunction of opposites' (joining together) would actually produce the desired goals. Flattering them that they all could be equals with God and that this would produce good results, he convinced them that they had life, wisdom and righteousness innately of themselves, independent of God. Thus he developed in them

pride, then selfishness as they looked away from their Creator to self. Finally competition resulted to actually outstrip their own Creator. You see, the ultimate end of all competition is to elevate oneself at the cost of another, to the end that one will be tempted to destroy the object or person with whom he is competing against. Thus we find that Lucifer became the 'ringleader' of a campaign of rebellion and discontent against God's great rules of harmony or law of order for the universe. He claimed that the angels were perfect and therefore could do no wrong. Thus, they should be free to do whatever they wanted without any restrictions. The law, he claimed, hampered their liberty and should be done away with.

"In James 2:10, God's law is called the 'law of liberty', in that it rules give one the liberty to walk in harmony with his fellows without any collisions. We find liberty to travel and arrive safely at our destination by obeying the traffic rule of staying on the right side of the road. He who claims that this law restricts his liberty and decides to travel on the left side will soon find himself in a terrible collision which will land him in one of three places, a. in the morgue, b. in the hospital with a broken body or c. in jail for disrespecting the rights of others, - losing all his liberty and freedom.

"Because it had never been tried before and disharmony had been foreign to the universe, part of the angels were deceived into joining in the spirit of discontent and rebellion. Finally there was war in heaven. One-third of the angels, with Lucifer, tried to cause an insurrection and mutiny, attempting to kill their own beloved Creator and Father in order to take his throne. Thus they had to be cast out of heaven. Revelation 12:3-9 tells the whole story.

"Our heavenly Father was amazingly wise and patient, realizing that His love and goodness had been questioned and brought into doubt even among the hosts that had remained loyal. He chose to let Lucifer live and let sin run its course so that all would see what a horrible thing disharmony and rebellion is. He wanted them to choose with their free wills to obey Him, trusting that He knows the best."

"But, Ernest, how was it possible that this disharmony could enter a mind created perfect?"

"The scriptures reveal, Ron, that 'God is love'. Inherent in love is the desire to share and have other beings to love, and that would return that love. However, in order to return love, these persons would have to be given the power of 'free choice', because love really is the intelligent choice of the free will to put others first. Since love cannot exist without free choice, we can clearly see that God chose to create beings in his own image who could love.

"Since God knows the end from the beginning, He knew that He was taking a terrible risk to give His creatures a free will; but He was willing to do it, though He knew He would have to suffer greatly in order to restore those who might fall into disharmony. He could have made us all robots who automatically were manipulated by His will, but the God of love desires our love so much that He is willing to suffer in order to give us this greatest of all gifts, the 'free will.' For what price would you be willing to sell your power of free choice?"

"Wow, Ernest, I wouldn't sell it for any price. But I never realized that it cost God the death of His only begotten Son to give it to us. That is heavy."

"It surely is, John."

"But Ernest, what does all this about Lucifer have to do with the mark of the beast and his number 666?"

"Well, Ron, when Lucifer was cast out of heaven, his one consuming desire was to get beings to worship him as god and do all the damage he could to God's government. We aren't told how many other worlds in space he may have tempted, but we do know that he came to this newly created world and tempted our forefathers Adam and Eve, using a serpent as his medium. This is where 666 and this beast power originated."

CHAPTER TWO

THE PERFECT WORLD

"Good evening, Ernest. We really enjoyed that study last night, but I have a question in my mind that I'd like to have answered before we go any further. What was the earth like before Satan ruined it all?" queried John.

"John, when God created the earth, it was perfect and beautiful. The Bible says that God said, 'Behold it is very good.' He was satisfied, and if God was satisfied, it must have been all perfect. In that perfect situation it is marvelous to behold the blessings that man had. In the first place when God created man He gave three commandments.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

This first commandment in Genesis 1: 28 was given for man's spiritual need. Everyone needs to be useful and fruitful. When we feel useful, then we really feel happy and rewarded."

"I can see that, Ernest. I remember my grandfather when he got so old that he couldn't do anything anymore. He wanted to die because he didn't feel useful or productive," said John.

"Exactly right, John. That's the beautiful part of this commandment. It tells us how to love ourselves spiritually by being fruitful, not just in our physical work but in developing our minds, our prayer and study life. In everything God wants us to produce fruit. Just as Jesus spoke to the olive tree which wasn't producing, it was cursed and destroyed. God is a dynamic God. He wants us all to be fruitful and productive. That is the source of joy.

"Now the next commandment that God gave to man in the Garden of Eden. To have dominion over everything. This is our mental need, our vocation. God wants man to be happy guiding and directing the whole creation that He has made. So He tells man to have dominion, take responsibility for every living thing on the earth— animals, plants, the earth itself, which is living and full of bacteria. We call this ecology, today.

"Now the third commandment is very interesting. Many have not realized that it is a commandment. Verse 29 says,

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of

of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

"Here was God's perfect diet that He gave in the very beginning, the diet that would make man the strongest, the happiest, and the most free from toxicity. The fact is that this diet to this very day is the very best. You will find all through the Bible God endeavoring to recommend this diet. It has so many advantages. In the first place it was the heavenly diet, God's ideal. When we get to heaven it will be our diet again, because to eat meat requires death and death is connected with sin. We are afraid of dangerous and vicious animals but really there is no animal as dangerous or vicious as man. All the animals of the world have a natural fear of man. Won't it be wonderful when the animals can trust us; when they won't feel that we want to devour them but rather want to love and care for them? What a beautiful place it will be when the Lord restores the earth Ron, don't you think so?"

"I should say so. I had never thought about that before," said Ron, "Tell me more about this diet."

"You see, Ron, this perfect diet had the perfect balance in it. It had all the minerals and vitamins, because you get all those in the fruits and vegetables and with the legumes, they have all the proteins, carbohydrates and fats that the body needs. This natural food diet has fiber. We know today that refined food which lacks fiber, combined with beef, is the basic cause of the cancer of the colon. It is easy to see why. This white flour mixed with water makes a fine glue. You know in the old school days we used to make this glue or paste. When we eat this food it stays glued in our intestines where it putrifies. This irritates the walls of the colon, and eventually can cause cancer.

"On the other hand, when man eats fruits and vegetables in their natural state they have a lot of fiber in them. Also the whole grains, we have learned in recent years, have bran, like rice bran and wheat bran. All this fiber causes the food to move more rapidly through the intestines and ideally is expelled in 12 hours, so that there is no putrifaction. If you leave anything in a hot, humid area, putrifaction sets in very quickly. There are people who do not have evacuation of the bowels for up to 15 days. Can you imagine the terrible situation inside the intestines?

"Now there is another factor involved and that is constipation caused when people eat the white flour products, pastries macaroni and spaghetti, white rice and white bread, all of which have no fiber.

"So many people think that white is more pure. But we can only say it is purely terrible for the body! What a blessing is the ideal diet that includes its own fiber which the body utilizes like a broom to clean out the decaying

feces and eliminate them.

"The vegetarian diet produces a happy attitude through good digestion, which produces positivity. A poor diet produces bad digestion making a person negative and miserable.

"Adam and Eve practiced the liberal use of the fountains of water and rivers. This is an important law -- lots of water, inside as well as outside. People bathe every day but forget to bathe themselves inside in order to cleanse the system from the toxins. Whoever heard of washing a dishpan full of dirty dishes in a cup of water? It is impossible. But our body is a lot bigger than the dishpan. So we must remember to give the body lots of water so that it can keep itself clean, so that the kidneys can function well and the skin eliminate. Pure water is so very important!

"God put man in a garden not in a house. There was in the beginning a perfect temperature and God gave man the pure fresh air to live in. Also included was lots of sunshine and exercise in caring for the garden. Thus we find man observing all the laws of health, abstaining from any damaging habit, having faith in God and trusting totally in Him.

"Another law of health is rest. After God had given man his work He rested from all His work. We read in Genesis 2: 1-3:

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Isn't that wonderful? God likes to have us active but wants us to rest as well, and communicate with Him. He gave man a holy-day in which he could rest and have spiritual fellowship with Him. Actually it is a natural cycle that God put into man just like the month and year cycle of the earth. If man observes it he finds himself in harmony with nature. The atheistic communists of Russia tried to change this cycle to a ten day week in order to deny creation, but it didn't work. The people became ill mentally and physically. You cannot change nature's cycles without paying the price.

"It says that God not only rested on the Sabbath but that He blessed it. Now to bless it means to put God's presence in it. So the Sabbath was blessed for mankind. God put His very presence in the Sabbath. Then He sanctified the Sabbath or made it holy time set it apart for sacred use. When man will really understand this and relate to his Creator, putting aside all other activities, not having his own thoughts but thinking just God's thoughts; love, fellowship and commune with Him; do loving and kind deeds for others and take time to

to pray---then, man can gain a wonderful blessing that can never be obtained in any other way."

"Well! I hever heard of this before," said John, "but I would surely like to gain that blessing. It must be wonderful."

"You know, this sounds like the very thing that I have longed for, yet didn't know how to obtain, fellowship with God. I do want to get to know God better," replied Ron.

"There is something else we want to notice, in the same chapter of Genesis 2, where it tells us of how God gave man his perfect work. Caring for that beautiful garden must have been a joy. Can you imagine sleeping in a garden, with vines laden with fruit as the walls for the house? Just imagine waking up some morning and reaching out for some of the luscious fruit and having breakfast in bed. Don't you think that would be great? Well, that is the joy that Adam had in that beautiful garden home that God prepared for him. But there is something else mentioned here. That is that God loved Adam so much that He wanted to give him companionship. So He gave him a beautiful wife, taken right out of his own side and made of his rib, so he would realize how close to him she should be, and how they should stand together as one unit. God planned the highest, purest and sweetest companionship for man. God brought Eve to Adam, and Adam said, 'This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' 'Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his wife. They shall be of one flesh.' What a marvelous God we have, to give man such wonderful relationships.

"God gave all of these beautiful relationships in order that man might learn to love and trust Him and understand His holy character of love. You remember last night we said that 'love is the intelligent decision to put others first.' God always does this. He is always thinking of our welfare and wants the best for us. We can depend on His unchangeable character and that He will always do the best and right thing.

"His love is ever consistent as is revealed in Exodus 34:6. 'And the Lord passed by him and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.'

"It is most important that we believe in the absolute goodness of God. As long as man believes this, he will be secure and live in harmony with his Creator and His laws, which have been created for mans blessing.

"It is so sad that we cannot end the story there and say that they lived happily ever after, but sadly enough an Evil One, came in to destroy the happiness of this lovely pair to ruin all that they had."

"How did it happen? I can't understand why Adam and Eve would go along with this Evil One," John said. "Please explain this to us, Ernest."

"I'm afraid it is pretty late tonight. Perhaps we can study that tomorrow night," replied Ernest.

CHAPTER THREE

THE BEGINNING OF SATANISM IN THE FALL OF MANKIND

"Come on in, Ernest. We're looking forward to understanding why evil came into this world. Why did Adam and Eve ever do such a foolish thing as to lose their glorious home?"

"Let's look at the third chapter of Genesis," fellows," suggested Ernest, "and see just exactly what happened and how Satanism began in the world."

"It starts out with the serpent. Apparently the serpent was one of the most beautiful animals in all the garden of Eden. It apparently had wings, as the Bible refers to the fiery winged serpent in many places. Sadly enough when that animal was used as the medium through which Lucifer, who is now called 'that old serpent and the devil' in Revelation 12, tempted Adam and Eve and caused them to distrust God, then a curse fell upon that animal. It lost its exalted position of flying through the air and was cursed to crawl upon the ground.

"In Genesis 3:2 we find, 'The woman said unto the serpent. We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden.' You see he had questioned her and planted a doubt in her mind saying, 'Has God said that you cannot eat of the tree?' But then in verse three, she explained that they had all that they could ever ask for. Every tree in the garden of Eden supplied fruit that they could eat so certainly there was no fault of provisions. It was just that God had made one very small test of loyalty by saying, 'this tree is reserved. You must not eat of it. Have faith to obey and follow my instructions.'

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"But notice how the serpent tempted Eve and caused her to fall. These are very interesting verses in Genesis 3:4, 5, because here we find the four great doctrines of Satan, given in just a few words but it is all there, if you analyze it very carefully.

A. And the serpent said unto the woman, 'Ye shall not surely die.' In other words there is no death or you have an immortal soul. That is his first doctrine.

Then he goes on to say:

B. 'For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof'. Now notice, you eat or, that is to say, 'disobey God'. 'Do what you think is right or do it

yourself and become God'. This is the basis of the salvation by works doctrine. It produces self-dependence rather than God-dependence.

C. 'Your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods'. This is his great doctrine of pantheism, that man is god or as they say 'wake up the god that is within you'. Just recognize that you are god. This is a tremendous deception which causes man to worship and depend on himself rather than his Creator.

D. Then the fourth doctrine of the devil is 'knowing good and evil' connected with 'your eyes shall be opened' or in other words, 'you have wisdom in you.' You have the ability to decide between right and wrong. This means universal salvation. If you know what is right and can do it you don't need a savior from sin or disharmony. Actually what Lucifer was saying to Eve, was three basic things.

1. You have life within you.
2. You have wisdom within you.
3. You have righteousness within you.

Just eat of this fruit and you will have all these things. These three together will make you god!

"These are the doctrines of Satanism that cause one to become independent of God, thinking that one has these abilities within one. As A.P. Jaggi express it in YOGIC AND TANTRIC MEDICINE, p. 6, 'Concentrating all one's sense upon one's self', - the downward and inward look. This we find in transcendental meditation and other types of eastern religions. Concentration on self, looking in for righteousness; within one for power; looking within for god; sounds so good but this only produces pride, thinking one is God. It causes selfishness, as one concentrates on self; independence from God because one considers himself god. So this completely destroys the ability for one to relate to his Creator. We can see that these are well thought out doctrines of devils.

"On the other hand, we find that the Bible reveals that God, in the beginning, created all. He is the only divine God and there is none other. In Him only is life for He is the fountain of life. Only in Him is wisdom for He is the very fountain of wisdom. Only in God is righteousness. Man has no righteousness of himself nor ever will have. When one realizes that one cannot make oneself perfect, that only God can restore perfection to one, then we find that this produces humility and dependence on God, reaching out to God as one has the outward-upward look. He concentrates on One outside of himself. He trusts in Someone outside of himself, and this is love.

"Then the second one is salvation by works, making oneself perfect by his own efforts; a real do-it-yourself project. One becomes more and more selfish as one concentrates more on self, instead of letting God make one perfect by relying only on Him. I can surely see this doctrine," said Ron. "This is real important."

"Right on, Ron. God says, 'The just shall live by faith' in Romans."

"As I recall, the third point is universal salvation or that you can have wisdom in yourself; you become as god and know everything, so cannot do wrong, thus you are saved from sin. Again the truth is that only God is wise and man only has wisdom as he trusts in God and listens to His instructions."

"Right," replies Ernest. "The Bible says in Proverbs 14: 12 that 'there is a way that seemeth right to man, but the end thereof is the way of death.' We only have to look at what a mess man has made to see the foolishness of this doctrine."

"Then the fourth doctrine is that when one believes that he has life, wisdom and righteousness in himself and can make himself perfect; then he is god, and doesn't need any other god. He becomes god himself. So he is the top of the totem pole. This is really the doctrine of evolution, isn't it? This is where man is the highest being and there is none higher. The doctrine of pantheism of all is god and god is all would be included here. I can see how those doctrines make a man independent of God. One thinks he really doesn't need Him, then pride enters saying, 'I'm really something!' This surely causes concentration on self, Ernest. We must avoid this downward-inward look. These are heavy thoughts and I want to trust only in God for life."

"I, too, believe that only He can make me perfect and pure. I want only God's wisdom and to remember that He only is God. I want to always look to Him in the outward-upward look as the only source of all blessings. As I live by faith in Him then I will obey His Word; I will trust Him; I will have that wonderful fellowship that He wants to have with me. I think Ron is with me in this," added John.

"Say fellows, you are grasping these truths marvelously. Keep this up and you will become ministers soon."

"But, Ernest, what does 666 and the mark of the beast have to do with all of this?" queried John.

"O.K., we are getting there. Be patient. Tomorrow we will trace these doctrines of devils into some amazing avenues."

"The definition of love is the 'intelligent decision to put others first'. You see, if you believe that there is an intelligent God that made you, who is the fountain of wisdom and righteousness, then you will love Him, put Him first and worship Him. Whoever you believe is god you will put first, self - love renders you incapable of loving. It destroys love and establishes hatred which is really selfishness. So we see how powerful these doctrines of devils are and how we should avoid them. These are the doctrines which destroyed the happiness and peace of Adam and Eve, causing them to lose confidence in God and to place confidence in themselves. What a terrible delusion!"

"But Ernest, why couldn't they see it? They were very intelligent beings?"

"Ron, don't you think the angels must have been even more intelligent? Yet one third of them had fallen for Satan's confusing doctrine of dualism. Satan appealed to Eve's desire for something good, -to be like God. He has nothing original but always perverts that which is good. He turned her desire to be like God into being equal with God. Her desire to know good, into know good and evil. His reasoning was that everything has to have an opposite such as, heaven-earth, male-female, reptile-bird, round-flat, positive-negative, white-black, etc. Thus he contended that one could not understand good without understanding the opposite, evil!"

"If she really wanted to be like or equal with God she must experience the amalgamation or mingling of the two. Now he was insinuating that God is both good and 'evil' and for that reason was holding out on her becoming a god. Once Lucifer convinced Eve that God was not absolutely good but had evil mingled in his character, she then could not totally trust His Word. She would have to prove for herself, if what God said was true or not.

"Satan would lead her into using the so-called 'Scientific Method' to determine truth rather than have faith in God's Word. Here he began his system of false education based on man's senses and reasoning powers, rather than God's true system of education based on trust in His Word and subjecting all human reasoning and the senses to that Word. The scientific method has four steps: 1. doubt, 2. develop a theory or hypothesis (man's explanation) 3. prove the theory, 4. make your conclusions.

"Satan persuaded Eve to doubt God's goodness; then he advanced the theory that God was holding something good back from her. He urged her to prove the theory by trying out the fruit to see if it was good or not. (This was a perversion of the truth, because God had never said the fruit was bad but had just reserved it as a test of her obedience). Satan demonstrated that he could touch it and eat it without any harm whatsoever. Had there been a laboratory in their day,

he would have sent it out for an analysis proving it had so much carbohydrate, vitamins and minerals and that it was perfectly good to eat and thus do no harm to the consumer. He said, as it were, 'Look, by eating this fruit, I can talk like a human, if it does that much for a snake, imagine what it can do for you!'

"She finally touched it without any negative results; smelled it and it's odor was delicious; finally she tasted it and it was as sweet as honey! She felt no ill results but on the contrary felt an exhilaration and a sense of superiority. She trusted in her senses rather than the Word of God. Now she drew her conclusions, the conjunction of opposites truly did bring a higher experience. The mingling of good and evil was beneficial. Now she had wisdom and would be equal with God. God was therefore envious and holding back something that was good for her, thus God was evil as well as good!, and couldn't always be trusted. With these conclusions she rushed away with the fruit to share with her husband.

"It is amazing boys, that this deceptive philosophy, that equality comes from breaking down individuality and mingling opposites, has permeated all false religions of the world. Listen to what Mexico's President, Jose Lopez Portillo writes about Quetzalcoatl, god of the Aztecs and Toltecs: (Quetzal meaning bird, Coatl meaning serpent, harking back to Lucifer the winged serpent in Eden):

Quetzalcoatl was god of the wind with a bird's beak and wearing the venus symbol in his conical headdress from which emerges a flowering bone (symbol of the creation of life) out of which the bird spiritedly drinks. On his shield is the cross of Quetzalcoatl representing the balance between opposing forces and dualistical harmony of opposites...He bestowed music and arts upon men in order to cheer their lives during their sojourn on earth...Quetzalcoatl means harmony in the synthesis of opposites, in the unity of what can be different but desires to follow only one path. MEXICAN MYTHOLOGY AND MODERN SOCIETY in the Introductory Article of the BRITANNICA YEARBOOK, 1977.

"Thoth, Nimrod, Mercury, Hermes and a host of other mythical gods propounded the same concept all coming from Lucifer himself whom they represented. Now can you see why Eve was deceived by this devilish philosophy that is still deceiving millions to this very day?"

"Well--I guess so," mused Ron. "But it leaves me a bit confused. Isn't it good to be unified? What about where it says man and woman should be of one flesh?"

"Good question, Ron, Remember, evil is always a perver-

sion of the good. While it is true that a husband and wife should be united, yet it is not true that they should so mingle their personalities that they lose their individuality and identity. While God wants us to be one with Him, He always preserves our free will and individuality which is very sacred to Him. On the other hand, Satan tries to mingle opposites until they become so confused and amalgamated that they lose their individuality and become his puppets or slaves. It is this mixture of good and evil, so that we cannot differentiate between two subjects, that the Bible later calls, 'Babylon'.

"In Genesis God created each animal to multiply after his kind or species and not mix with any other species. Satan has taken the plants and animals and crossed them and confused them so as to deceive people with his doctrine of evolution. You will understand this better as we go on.

"Now let's go back to the story of Adam and Eve and how she tempted Adam to do evil. Here is the king, Adam, the one who has been given the dominion of the world, now in the balance. Look how Satan uses Eve to destroy Adam. He loved her dearly; she was so beautiful and now I'm sure she uses every bit of her femininity and sexuality to draw him to her side. She throws her arms around his neck and says, 'Oh, darling, I have something wonderful for you, this beautiful fruit.'

"The Bible tells us that Adam wasn't deceived. He knew she had done wrong but yet his struggle was, would he love God first, or would he love the creature that God had created first? Poor Adam! He decides to cast his lot in with his wife, and rebel against God, because he doubts that God could give him someone else equally as wonderful. So again enters the doubt, the physical desire, appetite, which had caused Eve to fall. Now Adam's desire was for his wife, his companion, his social life. All these pressures were brought against Adam and he didn't stand firm. He chose to cast his lot with Eve and put her above God. So they both fell into rebellion and disharmony with God."

"That is really heavy," said John. "I never understood the basic principles in the fall of man. Thank you so much, Ernest. This has been a beautiful study; one that has opened up my understanding greatly."

"If you don't mind, John, I'd like to review those four doctrines of devils," said Ron. "I'd like to have them clear in my mind. You said the first one was the immortality of the soul doctrine, didn't you? That is believing that man has life in himself, instead of realizing that all life comes from God and is always only in Him."

"Exactly right," said Ernest. "He that hath the Son hath life, he that hath not the Son hath not life."
(1 John 5:8).

CHAPTER FOUR

MURDER AND THE TOWER OF BABEL

"Good evening, Ernest. What are we going to study tonight?" questioned Ron.

"Tonight, we shall see the results of the fall of man, fellows. According to the Bible story Adam and Eve, immediately when they fell, had a feeling of guilt come over them. Now guilt is a terrible feeling. Guilt causes separation. Let us follow what happened. It says that when they rebelled against God they cut their relation with Him.

A. They had cut themselves off from communication with God, spiritually.

B. Mentally, they were no longer wise for they had accepted the foolishness of evil with it's resulting paranoia and schizophrenia.

C. And physically they lost their robe of light which covered their nakedness.

"They had sinned; they had cut their relationship with the Source of Light. Now they felt terrible and ran to hide in the garden. They sewed fig leaves together to cover their nakedness because they were ashamed to present themselves before God."

"In Genesis 3 we find that God came down to communicate with them and looked for them calling, 'Adam, Eve, where are you?' But they were hidden. This is why God hates sin so, because it separates. It causes bad feelings. It cuts communication. Finally, Adam replied that he was behind a tree. 'Why?' 'Because we are naked.' 'Why are you naked? Did you eat of the tree?' 'Well, you see this woman You gave me, she caused me to eat of it.'

"Look what sin does. First it causes pride, then selfishness and then produces disloyalty, transferring ones guilt to another. This is what Adam did. He transferred it to Eve, his beloved wife, but was basically hitting back at God because he said 'this woman you gave me.' This is what happens when one has guilt. No one can abide guilt. One will commit suicide or transfer the guilt to someone else, which is the usual reaction. This is what Adam and Eve did. It caused their first quarrel, neither of them wanting to accept the blame. It caused separation between them and between them and God. What a horrible thing is guilt.

"Then God turned to Eve and said, 'What happend Eve.' She replied, 'That serpent you made, caused me to eat of the fruit.' So again you find the transfer of guilt. This is a

lack of facing up to responsibility which produces irresponsibility. Do you see why God hates sin? It destroys all the moral fiber of a person. That is what it did to Adam and Eve in just those few minutes.

"According to the story, we have such a marvelous and merciful God that He loved them and forgave them. He took the skin off of two animals to cover their bodies. This was the first sacrifice. They had sinned and they needed a covering. Those two animals represented the Saviour who would one day die for them, to restore the covering of righteousness to them which they had lost. So we find that Adam and Eve, repented and were forgiven then restored to a walk with God. They finally found the only true way to get rid of guilt, - give it over to God's provided substitute, accepting His death in payment for sin.

"But now evil had come in. Satan had taken control of the earth, as Adam lost his dominion. Even though they were repentant and restored to God's family, the results were visible in their children. We find that a little later Cain murders his own brother and establishes a rebellious race of city dwellers. Their beautiful daughters finally seduced the god-fearing sons of Seth and the whole world was plunged into evil, so horrible that it became unbearable even for the participants.

"There is a tremendous principle revealed here in Genesis 6 that all intelligent beings must realize and that is that an intelligent being who does not live totally dependent on God, continually putting his will under the controlling power of the Holy Spirit, will quickly fall in self-worship and be brought under slavery. The Holy Spirit is really what preserves one's power to choose to do the right. When one rejects Him, one rejects love as 'God is love' and accepts slavery to self. Always putting self first, is hatred or the spirit of Satan, the murderer. (John 8:44).

"This is what happened to the anti-deluvians, (those who lived before the flood), thus God in His mercy had to destroy them or they would have destroyed themselves and the earth and those who still desired to do right. This destruction would have been in a much crueler form."

"How about that! I never realized that without the Holy Spirit one is a slave and has no free will. But you can see that in the people who are controlled by habits of smoking, drinking, or even worse, immorality. Even though they want to quit they are often powerless to do it. It is really slavery isn't it? But finish the story, Ernest."

"Well, John, after the flood, Genesis 9 and 10 show that even the offspring of righteous Noah were still infected with the cancer of sin. Ham's sons soon were involved in making themselves gods. His eldest son, Cush, is still worshipped as Hermes of Egypt and Nebo or Bel of Babylon.

"Josephus says of Cush, the oldest son:

'Of the four sons of Ham, time has not hurt the name of Cush; for the Ethiopians, over whom he reigned, are even at this day, both by themselves and all men in Asia, called the Cushites. Ethiopia produced Nimrod (the son of Cush), the first man on earth to be a despot.' ANTIQUITIES, Book 1, Chapter 6, p.2.

Ham's second son was Mizraim. Josephus places the descendants of Mizraim in Egypt; and Phut, the third son of Ham, he says, 'was the founder of Libya.' ORIGIN OF THE NEGRO, Norman Simons, "Message Magazine" September, 1974, pp. 4,5.

'Cush, as the son of Ham, was Hermes, or Mercury; for Hermes is just an Egyptian synonym for 'son of Ham.' It was he, it is said, who developed numerics, astrology, geometry, games of chess and hazard, and devised alchemy. Orphus, Bel, and Cush are synonyms, meaning -to mix-. ' Alexander Hislop, TWO BABYLONS (A.C. Black Ltd., London, 1939) p. 25, 95, 124.

'Current archeology in the U.S.A. has discovered a tablet saying, 'Dedicated to Bel,' indicating the worldwide spread of this idea.' "Who Really Discovered America?", Thomas Fleming, READERS DIGEST (February, 1977), p. 71.

"Thus it would only be natural to find Cush's son Nimrod further developing the self-glorification cult and becoming a spiritist medium of Satan, doing miraculous works until all proclaimed him to be the 'son of the Sun-god.'

"Satan soon led Nimrod to directly challenge the authority of the true God by building a tower so high that all who would ascend it would save themselves from any flood God might send to punish them for their evil ways. (Genesis 11: 1-9) Thus was developed the great pagan doctrine of salvation by works, which always glorifies the one doing those works. Salvation by works is a vicious circle which, as in the experience of the pharisees of Christ's day, always causes one to become self-deceived by thinking one is getting better and better according to his own synthetic standards. These, one sets up not realizing that in God's sight, one is the most evil of all and is totally blind to one's proud, intolerant ways and therefore beyond help.

"Here it was that a counterfeit religious system using the sun as its center of attraction was born. The Bible calls this system Babylon and also presents it as 'the beast'. For you to understand who 'the beast' is today you must understand the false doctrines that were developed in this system and how each one of them were designed to cause one to worship self and become proud and independent of our Creator. Also,

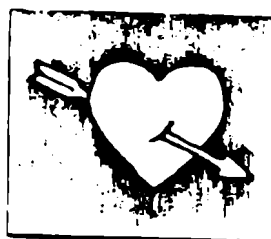
you will see how each dogma was developed to destroy love in the heart and to bring in self-centered immorality, sexual degeneration, intolerance and hatred for all mankind.



"As one begins to delve into the meaning of symbols, which are common to this very day, such as Cupid, whose other name was Eros with his bow and arrow which he shoots through the heart, we are shocked at the real meanings. Steed again tells us that;

The representation is somewhat devious because the heart and arrow are symbolic of the female and male sex organs. The heart shape, we know in eastern countries, is called the yoni; and the arrow is equivalent to the lingham or phallic, (male organ). Sometimes the yoni is illustrated as an inverted triangle or as a lei of flowers or beads.

Aristophanes says that Eros or Cupid produced the birds and gods by mingling all things.



The heart pierced with the arrow is a symbol of conjunction, - or in other words, the sexual union. Here we see again the Evil One trying to lay claims on creatorship through perversion of sexual intercourse which God had given as a special gift of love, permitting man to share in procreation.

"Rather than thanking God and glorifying Him as the life source, man claimed to have life within himself, and that new life came from a mixing of opposites, male (good) and female (evil). Thus they perverted sexual intercourse by making it something dirty and evil, rather than being the holy gift God had given them. God had said, 'be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth', always, of course, within the sacred bounds of marriage.

"Soon Satan developed the lie that the original forbidden fruit was sexual intercourse presenting God as having made Adam with sexual abilities and desires and then unreasonably prohibiting him from entering this relationship even with his own wife. Amazingly we find this twisted concept, along with dualism, still taught in the book of Mormon and believed by its adherents.



For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. If not so, my first born in the wilderness, righteousness could not be brought to pass, neither wickedness, neither holiness nor misery, neither good nor bad. Wherefore all things must needs be a compound in one...and to bring about His eternal purpose...it must needs be that there is an opposition, even the forbidden fruit in opposition to the tree of life; the one sweet and the other bitter...and now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen...and they would have had no children, wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery, doing no good, for they knew no sin...Adam fell that men might be; and men are that they might have joy. 2 Neph 2, V. 11, 15, 22, 23-25, BOOK OF MORMON.



"This makes God responsible for sin by creating man in a situation of frustration where he could only find joy by disobeying God. We also find Mormonism along with Freemasonry and other pagan groups teaching eternal marriage, directly opposed to the teachings of Jesus, who said, 'For in the resurrection they neither marry or are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.' Matthew 22:30.

"Speaking of pagan burial services, Merkelbach tells us: 'as in the case of Freemasons there also seems to have been a coffin ritual...in all probability a "sacred wedding" a sexual union was an integral part of the initiation.'

"The Mormons in their temple inauguration affirm:

How lonely and barren will be the so-called single blessedness throughout eternity! How sad to be separate and single and apart through countless ages, when one could, by meeting requirements, have happy marriage for eternity in the temple by proper authority and continue on in ever increasing joy and happiness, growth and development toward godhood. ENSIGN (Special Issue, Washington, D.C. Temple Inauguration, Aug. 1974), p. 6.

"Their whole concept, of course, is that the more wives and children one has, the greater God he will be in the afterlife, which led their prophet to marry for eternity with dozens of women.

"As man began to worship sexual powers, fertility rites which were actual sex orgies were developed as part of their religious acts. Steed quotes various sources:



Maya women of old sought solace from the moon goddess Ixchel, patroness of fertility...Wife of the sun she consorted with other gods, just as the moon crosses paths with stars and planets.

Ishtar (from which we get the word easter) the Semitic goddess, was a goddess of fertility...

Sin was the moon god of Ur, the city from which Abramham was called out. It's interesting that the word "sin" in the Bible is opposition to God's law...



Mercury was the Roman equivalent of Hermes and identified as the duplex god. This ultimate god was declared to be beyond the state of opposites. This amalgamation was illustrated by hermaphrodism...In India, this dual being - the two sexes united in a single personality- was thought of as the primal force...the myth of the hermaphrodite was also known in pre-Columbian Mexico, in the figure of Quetzalcoatl, the god in whom the law of opposites and all sexes are finally united...

The Aztec Coatlicue is, some would say, the ultimate in gods which personify union. It is grotesquely horrible, called the mother of gods, having conceived the sun and the moon, being the origin of opposites. It had twin serpents as a head, a necklace of human hands and hearts, tiger claws, and a skirt of writhing serpents. To these proto-Americans it was "the embodiment of the cosmic dynamic power which bestows life and which thrives on death in the struggle of opposites."

"Now, fellows, we can see that our modern unisex cult is nothing new. Girls looking like boys who look like girls, is the order of our day and from this comes lesbians, homosexuality and all the rest of the horrible perversions we are seeing in our day. God calls it abomination! Deuteronomy 22:5 in Moffats translation says: "A woman must never wear anything belonging to a man, nor must a man put on women's clothes; for whoever does that is abominable to the Eternal your God."

"We can now understand why God feels that way and why he preserves individuality, not only of persons but of kinds and species that He has created.

"After perverting and mingling the sexes, Satan's next step was to mingle mankind made in the image of God, with the beasts. Note the devilish steps that he took.

"First he made men think they were gods, then he perverts them into homosexuality and then he continues the perversion by animalizing them. In Leviticus 18:22, 23 God commands, 'Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; this is detestable. Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it, that is a perversion.' However, man thought he knew better than God and that God was holding back something good from him so as Paul declares in Romans 1:23-26 that:

'They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man and...beast and creeping things...who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator.'

Now you can begin to understand where dualism leads to.

"As Steed well states it:

The basic tenet of classical mythology is that everything good and bad can be and must be interlaced, knotted together, intermixed, brought into rhythm, encircled, or amalgamated to ultimately achieve the nondual state of bliss, perfection, success, or mastery. page 59-61.



"This is why in mythology we find the:



Centaurs - Beast having the upper part of a human being and the back part of a horse.

Cecrops - Founder of Athens who below the waist was shaped like a serpent.

Mermaids - half woman and half fish

Sekhmet - the lion-headed Egyptian fire goddess

Siren - Halfwoman and half bird,

and we could go on and on.

"Whatever is man's concept of God, he will carry out in his actions. Thus when man began to worship immoral beast gods, he immediately became like his concept of the gods he worshipped and the Bible says 'for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections' in Romans 1:26. Then it goes on to list the most horrible homo-sexual rottenness that man could possibly enter into which then led to murder, deceit, and and hatred for everyone including their own parents.

"God, in His mercy, Ron and John, is warning us in His Word to steer clear of this great false last day deception called 'the beast' that we may not be destroyed in the end with those who have become involved with this horrible degenerating system. You will find His plea in these verses in Revelation 18:2-5. Remember 'Babylon' means confusion or mingling of good and evil.

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

"Man, Ernest, I sure don't want to get involved in this Babylon system. How can we recognize it so we won't be fooled by it as those people back there were?"

"Well, if you really wish to know, John, I'll come back next Wednesday and we will trace it down in history and I'll

even show you pictures of how the system developed. But I've got to warn you that you are going to be in for some real shockers as you will begin to realize that this false religion of Babylon has stealthily invaded almost all modern religions, educational and healing systems and even our sports. It may even involve your making some heavy changes in your own personal life as you are going to find out that you personally, as well as every one else, are not involved in some of the practices, concepts and customs of Babylon and are being prepared for the last great deception. Are you really sure you want to learn these things?"

"Look, man, you've really got me shook. Seems to me that we are between the devil and the deep blue sea, as it were. If we do learn these things and accept them into our lives we will be persecuted and boycotted by the 'beast' power and possibly have to die for our faith. On the other hand, if we stop our ears to the truth and accept the mark of the beast and his number, we will face the terrible warning of which I was reading tonight in Revelation 14:9-12.

If any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. I guess I'd rather face man's wrath than God's wrath, and besides I'd rather be with those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, even though it really gets rough. I'm sure He will see us through."

"That goes for me too, John. Why don't you come earlier next Wednesday night, Ernest, so we can have more time to study?"

CHAPTER FIVE

NIMROD, SUN, SERPENT, AND SEX



"Satan has always had one desire and that is to be worshipped above the Creator. But God put enmity in man's heart for evil, and so Satan had to deceive man into worshipping him in different forms. Tonight, boys, we shall see how effective he was.

"It was Nimrod, son of Cush, who became world famous for his mighty supernatural powers as a hunter, killing huge animals with his bare hands. Because of his brute force he soon was practically worshipped by the people, who proclaimed him as a god, somewhat similar to the athlete hero worship we have today!

"Satan saw in Nimrod a most effective medium and soon seduced him to live for self-glorification and gratification. He was given supernatural powers and soon animated the people to worship the sun rather than the creator and himself as the 'Son of the Sun God'.

"In a bold and irreverent act he persuaded the people to help him build the great tower of Babylon, a huge Zigurrat. This was a direct challenge to God that man could save himself if He sent another flood. Babel meant gateway to heaven, and it was designed with many grades on which were rooms where the people could live and grottos where they could worship their gods. A program of secret mysteries and rites was developed that one must pass through ever reaching a higher and higher degree or self-glorifying title until he finally reached the top, the gateway to heaven, and was proclaimed a god.



"Perhaps he would be called the Grand, Supreme Wise Master and Potentate of the Universe or Lord Master Chief of the Gods, etc. Now he believed he had life, wisdom and righteousness in himself and had become god; thus we see Satan instituting his four great doctrines once again.

"When one studies the books of the Masons and Knights Templars, Rosecrucians and other secret societies, one finds that they all trace back to this system and follow the same secret mysteries, rites and degrees. It is most interesting that the women's branch of Masonry is the Eastern Star, referring to the sun at its rising. Here too was born the psuedo science of Astrology or worship of heavenly bodies, of which we shall explain more later.



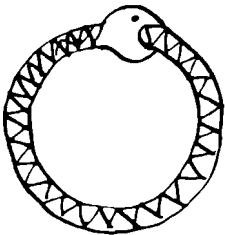
"The systems of degrees that we find in our modern universities is actually a carry over of the system developed here.



"As their system of self-worship developed, they began to examine their own bodies to see where the life source was coming from. This developed the worship of the sexual organs, especially the male penis or phallus which they concluded was the 'fountain of life.' They did not consider that the power of procreation is only lent to man by the Creator. The worship of the phallus led to homo-sexualism, sodomy, lesbianism, religious prostitution, and a host of other horrible distortions. All through the eastern countries one will find the phallic symbols worshipped in the form of obelisks, towers, and steeples, etc.



"Soon they observed that the snake or serpent looked much like the phallus and so made it a phallic symbol and was called the 'origin of life.' Thus we see Satan thrusting his own symbol, of himself as the creator rather than God, into man's mind. The worship of the serpent became universal. In Egypt according to the book ONE PRIMEVAL LANGUAGE, page 143, the motto of the pharaohs was, 'The serpent always stands erect,' again a sex reference and a challenge to God who said the serpent was to crawl on his belly.



"Dr. Donaldson says in the book SERPENT WORSHIP, after interviewing hundreds of eastern priests, 'The serpent has always a phallic significance.' Park in THE EVIL EYE, page 51 states 'The close relationship...between solar, phallic, and serpent worship was most striking; so marked as to indicate that they are all forms of a single worship.' The serpent with its tail in its mouth made a perfect ring, which again was a symbol of the sun.

"The sunworshipping Mayans in Central America were known as the 'People of the Serpent.'

Quetzalcoatl, the famed Aztec god, was called the 'Feathered Serpent.' American Indians worshipped serpents and wore feather head-dresses, as they believed the feathers represented rays of the sun around their chief's face or sun god.

"In PENTHOUSE OF THE GODS, page 172, Bernard tells us that the conch shell, so familiar in pagan and Catholic symbolism, was the female phallic symbol along with the oval, or circle.

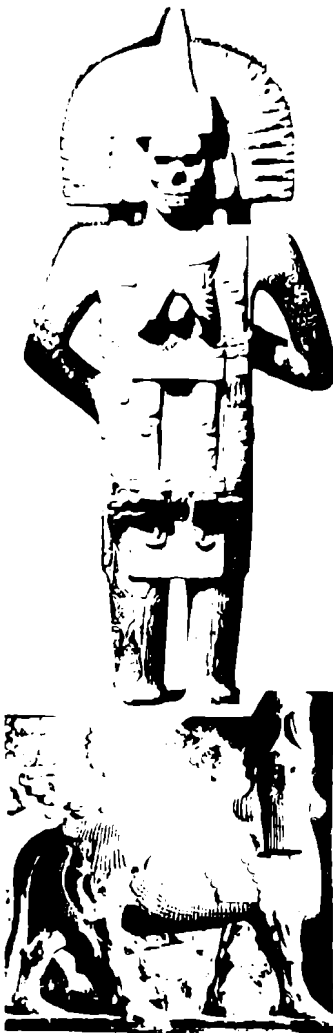
"This is unbelievable, how once a man turns his eyes off God, he gets so filthy and rotten," observed Ron. "What a terrible way to worship the created rather than the Creator!"

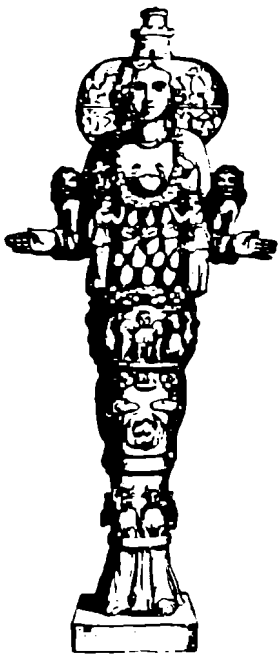
"That is not the half of it, Ron. Soon they began to worship animals. Because the bull was a very powerful and fertile animal and so well symbolized Nimrod's tremendous power, it was thus chosen to be called god '1', - actually Satan, himself, the demon with hoofs and horns and tail.

"Because the sun was believed to cause the showers fertilizing the land, the pagans, according to Plutarch, called these rains the ejaculations of the heavenly bull or 'semen of the gods,' and therefore 'holy water'! He also said that 'the water of the Nile was the efflux of the bull-god Osiris and that the soil was made pregnant by the overflowing river,' in his book ON THE MYSTERIES OF ISIS AND OSIRIS. Fellows, it gets so rotten that I don't want to tell you any more for now."

"It's unbelievable how Satanism could demoralize those people so rapidly," said John.

"Now you can understand why God struck down the tower of Babel, and according to Hyslops' THE TWO BABYLONS caused Shem, Nimrod's great, great uncle, to lead an army against him and put him to death. However, Nimrod's wife, Semiramus, was not killed, and she told the people that Nimrod's soul had gone to the Sun and that they should worship him in the sun. She also told them that if they wanted favors of him they should come to her and she would mediate for them as the wife of god. Since she had been completely corrupted by Satan and made his medium also, she naturally was very immoral and soon had an illegitimate child. In order to





cover her sin, she claimed to have conceived the child through the holy spirit of her sun-god husband, Nimrod. When the child, Tammuz, was born it was satan's studied counterfeit of the true Messiah Jesus Christ who would be incarnated much later. Now Semiramus could also claim to be 'mother of god' and even more the divine mediatrix between God and man. From this birth came the worship of the divine mother and godchild, found in every country and even carried on in Christian churches though never taught in the Bible."

"Say, Ernest, is there any one book where we could get all of this and other information about paganism? I'd really like to study deeper into this matter."

"The deepest student I know of, John, on this theme was Professor Murl Vance, a personal friend of mine who unfortunately was mysteriously killed before he could publish his book. I was fortunate enough to get his prepublication manuscript with references to more than 450 books from which he had gleaned a wealth of material. Perhaps I could get a photo copy of this made for you."

"There are two other books which are now in print that are both excellent and more easy reading. BABYLON MYSTERY RELIGION, by Ralph Woodrow and THE ANTICHRIST 666, by The Repairers of the Breach. I always try to keep a few extra copies as so many ask for them and fortunately they are inexpensive. Of course, there is the classic that we have already mentioned, THE TWO BABYLONS, by Alexander Hyslop, that you can get in almost any gospel bookstore. I'm sorry to say that you will never find it all in one book, as it has taken me years to collect this much information."

"Let's get on with the study," urged Ron. "I can't wait to hear more."

"Back to Semiramus, we find her child Tammuz grew up and was a hunter like his father, but according to tradition he was killed by a wild boar while trying to save a friend from its savage attacks. Semiramus told the people that he had sacrificed his life for them and that he was their saviour! Once again a counterfeit for Christ! She had told the people



that he was the god of vegetation, and just as the vegetation died in the fall, he died, but would be resurrected in the new plant life the next spring! Thus the people began to worship plants and especially trees. The worship of Tammuz also became universal. It was claimed he was born on Dec. 25th as the son of the sun-god. Forty days before the vernal equinox, when the sun begins to rise on the north side of the equator, the people spent weeping over his death but rejoicing that he would be resurrected.



"The Yezidi devil worshippers in Kurdistan still practice this custom to this very day and amazingly, so do Christians who observe Lent! This is referred to in Ezekiel 8:14.

Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house...and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz, then said he unto me...thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court,

and on through verse 17.

Notice the 'branch to the nose,' worship of the sun-god of vegetation. There is no other biblical reference to Lent, as it is purely of pagan origin.



"Semiramus also led the people into the worship of the heavenly stars and planets, naming the days of the week after them. The largest body in the sky and father of them all, of course, was the sun, so she called the first day of the week Sunday. This day she proclaimed as a special day of worship to the sun-god or really satan himself, represented by Nimrod. She told the people when she died her spirit would go into the moon and that they were to worship her there as the 'queen of heaven,' and called it the Moonday, the next largest body in the sky. The rest of the days were named after the planets, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. God has just called them the first, second, etc. and sixth and Sabbath. Now with the use of another name, the Sabbath and His Creatorship would be forgotten and Satan would be glorified as the great sun-god on Sunday.

Latin	Saxon
1. Dies Solis	1. Sun's Day
2. Dies Lunae	2. Moon's Day
3. Dies Martis	3. Tio's Day
4. Dies Mercurii	4. Woden Day
5. Dies Jovis	5. Thor's Day
6. Dies Veneris	6. Friga's Day
7. Dies Saturni	7. Saturn's Day



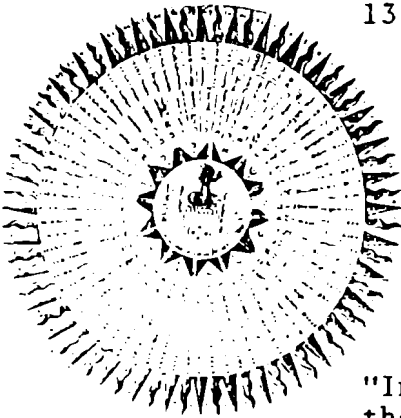
"Olcott, Higgins and Reade all establish that the Yazd devil-worshippers of Persia or Iran 'venerated from early times the sun's day, Sunday.' You will find more information of this in the book DEVIL WORSHIP by Joseph, especially page 166. Many other religious encyclopedias will verify this fact also."

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"Wait a minute, Ernest. Is this why we keep Sunday, the first day of the week, rather than Saturday, the seventh day, today?" questioned John.

"We'll let you decide that as we continue to study," said Ernest with a smile.

"Babylon developed astrology to a tremendous psuedo science. The Bible always speaks disparagingly of astrologers, whom the Jews knew well were from a demonic origen. In Isaiah 47: 13, and 14 God challenges them to



let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

"In Daniel 1:20; 2:27; 4:7 and 5:7, we find the astrologers completely inept in comparison with the great Creator.

"Another interesting fact is that almost all of the Chaldean magic and religion was centered around placating the seven evil deities. All of satan's religions are based on fear and salvation by works motivation. All evil supposedly came through these seven evil gods. This devil worship continues every day in all our modern newspapers as the people seek knowledge from a power that they have no idea from where it comes.

"Speaking of the future, Daniel says, in his second book and verses 27 and 28:

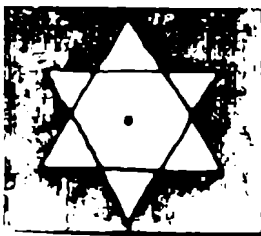


The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers shew unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.

"How much better that we consult our God. Actually, because the Zodiac is based on the lunar month, which is around thirty days rather than the yearly month, which is around a half day longer Over the thousands of years they have become completely irrelated and so birth predictions are ridiculous.



"The Bible presents Satan as the seven headed dragon in Revelation 12:3,7, for good reason, as the seven headed snake or dragon (the heads representing the planets of the zodiac, including the sun) is represented in all pagan religions. The Brahmas have their seven headed cobra. In Angkor, India, Juggernaut is a seven headed dragon. Krishna and Buddha in image form sit on a seven headed serpent and it is depicted in Egypt and by the American Indians who also had a zodiac.



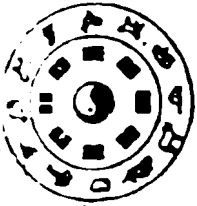
"Astrology was conceived on the concept of the macrocosm and the microcosm; the first refering to the sun, moon and stars or heavenly bodies, thought to operate as opposites yet harmonizing. The microcosm, refering to earth, man and his world, is also thought to be composed of opposites that must harmonize. The Chaldeans of Babylon systematized these concepts into the zodiac, which is probably the most universal religious philosophy in the world.



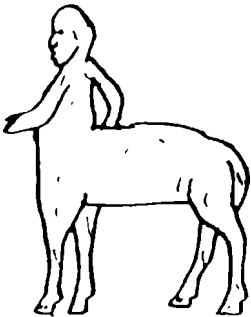
Kundalin. Yoga's view of
THE PSYCHIC CENTERS OF THE BODY

"The Zodiac took into account the changing times and seasons as the wheel of life, according to Maurice Bessy's MAGIC AND THE SUPERNATURAL, pp 60-74;

The hindu sees it as a wheel of transmigration; the Buddhas as the wheel of completeness, and the Taoist of China through the yang and yin and the circle of harmony; all visualize the correspondence of sympathy between opposites.



"They thought that everything in man was connected with this zodiac and that each organ of the body bore a relationship with an area of the zodiac. They believed that 'The will of the gods in heaven was imprinted on the liver entrails in a comprehensive pattern...working out correspondence of men and nature.'



"Jack Lindsay, in his book ORIGINS OF ASTROLOGY, p. 27, 'the dualistic concept of opposites fused together and integrated into ones,' can be seen in their blending interpretations of the Gemini twins who represent divine and mortal, black and white, creative and destructive, etc. and Sagittarius who was half man and half horse. Buddha later called it simply the idea of blending good and evil to achieve creation and creativity, exactly that same idea that the serpent presented to Eve in the garden of Eden. Declares the Buddhist Tibetan mystic, Lama A. Govinda in FOUNDATIONS OF TIBETAN MYSTICISM, 'Good and bad the sacred and the profane...the worldly and the transcendental,...samsara and nirvana, etc. are not absolute opposites...but two concepts of the same reality.'

"That this is the basis of the evolutionary concept which makes man god, can be clearly seen in this final quotation from the ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, 1968, V 5, 650B;



The totality of life...depended upon the harmonious blending of the yin and yang. The yang is the good, light, positive, masculine; the yin - evil, dark, feminine, negative...This means that from the interaction of the two cosmic forces, all patterns, ideas, systems and culture evolved and change is constant...and whatever issues from it is good!

"Now we have traced through practically all ancient and mythological pagan philosophies the same thread which was begun to be woven by Satan in the garden of Eden and like a great delusive blanket has enveloped the world to this very day. We see it in yoga and all the eastern religions, in those who espouse the evolutionary theory, in communism and, as we shall see, it has even made inroads into the christian church. -THE MIXTURE OF GOOD AND EVIL CREATES GODHOOD.

"Opposite to this we find a minority still declaring and teaching a God who changes not, which is the Creator of all and needed no opposing deity or force or element. He is sovereign, absolutely good and as the Psalmist declares, did all by His Word, 'For He spake and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast.' Psalms 33:9.

"Rather than mingle together, God divided the light and dark, evening and morning, day and night. He divided that water from the land, made every animal distinct after its kind. Each species was brought forth operating according to its Designer, and the record says, God beheld and 'it was very good.' God needed no one to improve on His creation by mingling opposites.

"How dare the created think he can improve on what his Creator has done. This is a satanic concept that causes doubt in the wisdom and abilities of God so that gradually Satan can be worked into His place and be made God. It is nothing more than self-worship, the base principle of the Evil One. May God help us, Ron and John, to reject this evil system totally and give glory only to our God in Heaven.

"This thing is alot deeper than I ever realized, Ernest, and we are deeply indebted to you for your helping us understand, so that we can avoid being deceived by the evil system of dualism. But, Ernest, I still have the question, what does 666 have to do with all this?"

"That's precisely what we are going to study tomorrow. Now you are ready to understand."

CHAPTER SIX

THE MYSTIC SUMMARY NUMBER 666

666

"Well boys, finally we are going to give you some specific information about the origin of the number 666, from a study by Joe Maniscalco.

"Great" answered John and Ron simultaneously.

"It was in the Garden of Eden that Satan began a master counterfeit system to deceive mankind, and that system revolved around the mystic number 666.

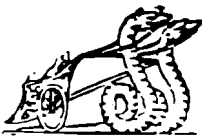


The serpent had not the power of speech, but Satan used him as a medium. It was Satan that spoke, not the serpent. Eve was deceived, and thought it was the serpent. This serpent was a very beautiful creature with wings; and while flying through the air his appearance was very bright, resembling the color of burnished gold. 3 Spiritual Gifts, p. 40.

"There is a legend that in the beginning of the world winged serpents ruled upon the earth. In Isaiah 14:29 and 30:6 we read of a fiery flying serpent. In his book, The Aryan Origin of the Alphabet, the author Waddell states on page 30, the first letter of a word often related to the pictorial hieroglyph, (Hier, sacred; glyph, sign or symbol) for which the word stands. The first letter of the word correlates to a sacred number. If this is so we find a fascinating discovery for the sacred number of the winged serpent.



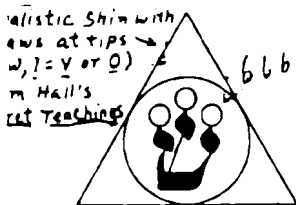
"Many letters have the number six for their sacred symbol. Let us begin with the letter S. The Greeks chose the letter S as one of their symbols for the number 6, and in the old Greek alphabets, this letter, called the stigma or the stau, was the 6th letter, standing for the sound st, a sound apparently representing also the hiss of the cobra. When the cobra advances for the attack, its body takes the form of an S.



"Another symbol standing in the sixth position in many early Greek alphabets is F, called the digamma or the waw. Our letter F is the sixth letter of our alphabet and descends to us, we are told, 'from a serpent hieroglyph.'

"It is evident that the S and the F are both sacred symbols for the number 6. With this in mind let us analyze the words fiery flying serpent found in Isaiah 30 and Isaiah 14. The first letter for fiery and flying is F, and the first letter for serpent is S. According to the secret mystic number for which the word stands we have FFS or 666.

F = 6 Fiery
F = 6 Flying
S = 6 Serpent



"The winged serpent in the Garden of Eden that appeared like burnished gold or fire as it flew through the air, was the fiery flying serpent that we read about in Isaiah,

"This master counterfeit movement that began in the Garden of Eden is the same system that is represented by the mysterious number 666. The echo of this mystic number has been heard throughout the history of this world.

"The number 6 in the Hebrew-Chaldee alphabet was the waw (vav), the sixth letter. The Gnostics, an ancient secret society, worshiped the waw as a symbol of their serpent god," La Doctrine Gnostique, by Dupont-Sommer.



"The waw is translated into other languages by the letters v, u, and o. These three letters are natural markings on the hood of the cobra, and therefore each of them could stand for the waw and the number 6. The Syrians adopted o as their symbol for this letter-number. Sometimes the o is pictured as a serpent with his tail in his mouth, thus signifying at one and the same time the Serpent-Waw and also the whole circle of the heavens over which 'the lord of the three crowns' claimed to rule." Antiquity Explained, by Montfaucon ii p228.

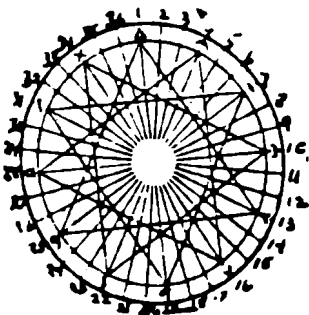
"The v, u, and o are associated with the serpent and the number 6. V is the sixth letter in the Hebrew-Chaldean family of alphabets. V is the first letter of the word Viper. It is of interest to notice that the letters F and V are ever interchangeable. Take the words knife and knives wife and wives, life and lives, etc."

"This is really incredible, Earnest. I had no idea how powerful the influence of Satan has been to impress his stamp on everything," observed Ron.



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"Let us leave the Garden of Eden and the wickedness of mankind before the flood. After the flood a strange and gigantic system of false religion was born in the Babylon of Nimrod. A great tower was built to a lofty height. This tower of Babel was made to exalt its builders, to turn the attention of the people from God to idolatry, and to reach into the clouds to discover reasons for the flood.

"Most authorities agree today that astrology had its beginnings after the flood in Babylon. Clay tablets bearing astrological maxims, dating to the time of Nimrod, have been found in archeological excavation near the site of ancient Babylon.

"Sacred numbers have their origin in Babylonia. Each of the astrological gods had a sacred number. In the Babylonian astrological system the number 12 represented the 12 signs of the Zodiac and the circle of the year. The number 360 or 365 represented the sun-god as the lord of the circle of the year.

"The numbers 6, 36, 666 were consecrated to the sun god. In Babylonia the chief title of this universally worshiped deity was Enlil, a word which means 'The Chief Demon.'

"Serpent worship and sun worship are ever connected in pagan theology. The number 6 is, in this system of sun-serpent-sex-devil worship, specifically the number of the serpent.

"The Babylonians divided the Zodiacal band, through which the sun yearly makes a circuit, into 36 decans, three for each sign." ASTROLOGY and RELIGION, by Cumont, p 14.

"The entire remainder of the sky was then divided into 36 constellations. Thus in astrology, the number 36 represented the whole circle of the heavens, all the gods of heaven and the underworld." THE STARS IN MYTH and FACT, by Scott, pp 64, 65.

"Every god of the circle of the heavens was included in the 36 constellations or the 36 rooms of the Zodiac. The sun was the supreme lord of all the gods, and fitly represented the summary number 36. When the numbers from 1 through 36 are added consecutively, the grand number of the mysteries comes to 666.



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30	8	27	28	11	7	=III
20	24	15	16	13	23	=III
19	17	21	22	18	14	=III
10	26	12	9	29	25	=III
31	4	2	33	5	36	=III

II III * III * III * III * III = 666

"Any religion based on astrology is a 666 religion and any leader of such a system would also claim the 666 as part of his insignia.

"The sun was the supreme god of the heavens. When the sun rose in the east all the other gods, the moon, planets, and stars, seemed to dissappear.

"In ancient Babylon when the pagan priests officiated in the Temple, they wore a breastplate called 'sigilla solis,' or the sun seal. This breastplate was usually made of gold, the metal of the sun. They were wrapped in yellow silk, the color of the sun, when they were not worn for the temple service." UNFOLDING THE REVELATION by Anderson, p 126.

"There were 36 squares on the seal arranged in numerals from 1 to 36. There were 6 columns square so that when the numbers were added horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, the total number was the same. (111). The sum of the six columns, computed either horizontally or vertically, is 6 x 111, or 666.

"The ancient Babylonians worshipped the sun god and the venerable day of the sun. The sun had a sacred name, a sacred metal, a sacred color, a sacred mark, a sacred day and a sacred number. That number was 666.

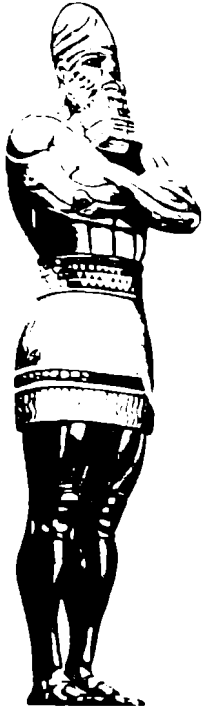
"So we find that the ancient Babylonians substituted Sunday for the seventh day for worship in their rebellion against God. Human sacrifices and corruption of all kinds was involved with this worship.

"The teachings of Babylon were clothed in mystery, and that mysterious teaching of sun worship has been followed in one form or another, by every culture on the face of this earth throughout the history of this world.

"Egypt followed Babylon as a world power. The teachings of Babylon and the Zodiacal system were incorporated in the Egyptian teachings.

"The great golden image of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 was a type of the sun god Marduk. The fact that it was gold, the metal of the sun, and that all were to bow down before it shows that this was the supreme god of the Babylonians.





"The tower of Babel that was built by Nimrod after the flood was partly destroyed by God when He saw the apostasy of man. This tower was re-built and destroyed at different times. The last restoration was begun by Nebopolassar, the father of Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar told his royal architects to raise the top of the tower that it might rival heaven.

"This tower was dedicated to the 7 planetary gods: the sun, moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn. Each one of these gods had a sacred number and once again the number 666 was dedicated to the sun god and Sunday, the first day of our week.

"The walls of the tower were oriented with the cardinal points of the compass. The principle gates were called; the gate of the rising sun, the eastern and southern gates; and the gate of the setting sun, the western and the northern gates." ROSECRUCIAN MUSEUM, San Jose, Calif.

"Marduk was the sungod of the gods, and Sunday was dedicated to the sungod. His sacred number was 666. It seems evident that all were to worship the venerable god of the sun on Sunday.

"Notice in Daniel 3:4 it says that people, languages and nations were to worship the golden image. This was an international law to worship the sungod that was represented by the number 666.

"Marduk was worshipped as the giver of life and fertility. He was the international god of the world kingdom of Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar was considered to be the son of the sungod, or god on earth.

"There is a very interesting correlation between Daniel 3 and Revelation 13. In Revelation 13 we read about a death decree to those who will not worship the image of the beast. This decree is to be observed by all that dwell upon the earth. Small and great, rich and poor, free and bond are to receive a mark in their foreheads and their right hand. No man might buy or sell, unless he had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name, and that number is 666.

"We'll study more about this later."

"I hope so, Earnest. We really want to know about this mark of the beast," exclaimed John.

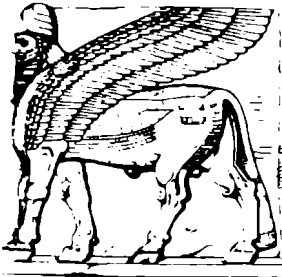
"Now to finish, we find that 6 was the number of man who was created on the sixth day. It also was the number of Venus, the goddess of love or sex. So important was this to the pagans that they ate only fish, in honor of the mermaid-half-woman, half-fish to supposedly improve their sexual fertility. Oddly enough this pagan custom persisted among the Catholics until recently, when someone pointed out that it was just a pagan custom and had nothing to do with the Bible.



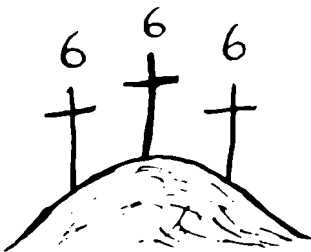
"It is incredible to see in pagan symbolism in how many ways this number is symbolized. The Egyptian God Osiris yielded 666; the Chaldee word for sun, Sorath, also was formed so as to yield 666; one of the names for Pluto, Sum or sun also give S-60 U-6 M-600 = 666. This number summarizes as does no other sacred number in all paganism the truly universal number of apostasy. Plutarch tells us that the 36 gods of the zodiac were deified as one and called COSMOS, Typhon or Pan., which meant ruler of Hades or the underworld, the all embracing, everywhere god of hoofs, horns and tail. Its universal meaning has a particular affinity to the word 'catholic'.



"There were three animals that were often connected with sun worship; the solar lion who held a sacred shin in one paw, which meant 666, the heavenly bull or Aleph called god 'I' whose number thrice repeated was 'III' and thus multiplied by 6, the number of the serpent, yielded 666. Six squared is 36 and 36 triangulated is 666.



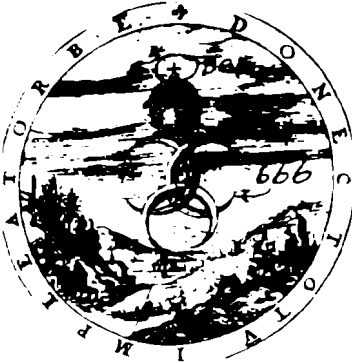
"Perhaps the most interesting 666 was that of Christ's crucifixion. He was nailed with three nails, each which symbolized a sacred waw which we have already proven equals 6. But not only this, it can be shown that the cross especially in its X form also had the value of 6. There were three crosses on Golgothas hill so the devil really thought he was triumphing over Jesus when he put him on the cross, showing his great universal number of his rulership in two different ways. Later we shall see an added significance to this.



"Well, I never had any idea how common this number was in paganism," said John. "It surely is the universal sign of Satan's power."

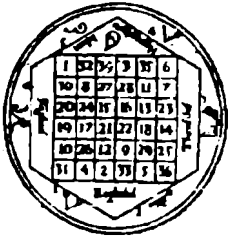
CHAPTER SEVEN

AMULETS, JEWELRY AND CROSSES

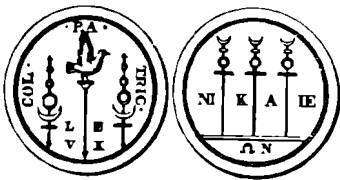


"Ernest, I can't quite understand why anyone now would use these numbers or wear these amulets of Satanism when the Bible so clearly warns against it."

"Listen, John, the principle behind all demon worship is fear. Since in the fear religions all misfortune, sickness and death are the result of the operations of evil spirits, the worshiper, knowing by his conduct that he is not on God's side and therefore cannot expect, as long as he continues in rebellion, to have his prayers answered by God, turns to the only other supernatural power available to him, Satan himself. The worshiper tries to stay in the good graces of his god by wearing some symbol representing that god. Not only does he offer his most cherished possessions -at times even his own children- but he must also have on his person some object in which the spirit of his god dwells, to avoid disaster. Thus he must carry his god around with him.



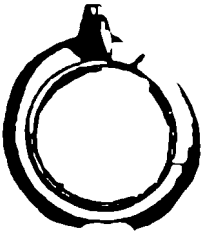
"This is the principle behind all charms, amulets and magical objects found in pagan idolatry. Thus the amulet of 666 has the most value because it includes all pagan gods and the power of satan to supposedly help and protect the wearer. From this fear and desire for protection came one of the reasons for the wearing of jewelry, gold being the symbol of the sun, silver of the moon, and sacred gems and metals representing the planet gods. Of course there was also self-glorification and attraction to self involved which is the spirit of Satan. No wonder God tells us not to use these symbols. (1 Timothy 2:9 and 1 Peter 3:3-5).



"By the way, you remember that we showed how the circle or the snake with his tail in his mouth represented the sun?"

"Yes."

"Well, in the pagan temples the vestal virgins were married to the sun-god. As a symbol of



this they put a gold circle around their finger. The circle is also a phallic female symbol, and the finger represents the male principle. Unified, it meant loss of virginity, and that is what happened to them, as they were used as prostitutes in the so-called sacred rites of sunworship. That, my friends, is where the use of the modern wedding ring came from!"

"I just can't believe that this devil worship has so pervaded everything," exclaimed John.

"Wait till you learn about the origin of the cross, John. Of all the symbols most universally accepted and revered even by Christians is the cross. This was not always so. Actually, the cross of Christ was not just a horrible instrument of torture, but pointing to the four directions, it was used as a symbol of Satan's universal rulership.



"As the pagans began to worship the sun, they observed that, as they watched the sun come up in the morning through squinted eyes, it automatically formed a cross; and they then concluded that this was the divine symbol of the sun-god.

"Sacred crosses can be found in almost every country of the world, far predating the crucifixion of Christ. The Japanese, who worship the sun, have many crosses.

"Note this cute Egyptian god with his rosary around his neck on which he has a Maltese cross.



"Many crosses have the circle symbol of the sun connected with them, as you can see in this illustration, as well as the snake symbol.

"A real shocker is cited by Nork in REAL WORTERBUCH on page 387, which tells us that the crucifixion even of criminals was regarded as a sacrifice to the sun-god! The Carthaginians and Phoenicians used the cross as an instrument of sacrifice to Baal, sometimes to obtain special favors.

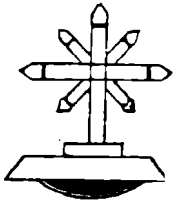
"How his satanic majesty must have gloated over Jesus, the Son of God, being made a sacrifice to him, and how much greater the responsibility of those who put him there! God's



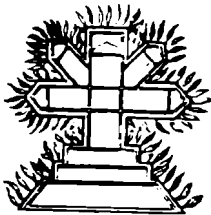
plan had been that Jesus voluntarily sacrifice himself on the altar in the sanctuary, but vicious man rejected this marvelous offer of a loving God, took him out of the city, and true to the demonism possessing them, torturingly murdered him on a symbol of satan the sun-god. It broke His heart. I surely hope it breaks our hearts also."

"Oh, Ernest, I never ever realized this," said John in tears. "And we are part of the human family that did it!"

"That is so true, John, and every time we as Christians sin willfully, the Bible says, we crucify the Lord afresh and bring him to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:6).



"We are never to worship the cross, but Jesus, who bore the cross. We too are to bear the cross or death to self, but that in no way indicates that we should make a graven image out of metal and wear it around our necks or in any way give it worship. It truly saddens me to see so much use of crosses by protestant churches who a few years ago would have nothing to do with them.



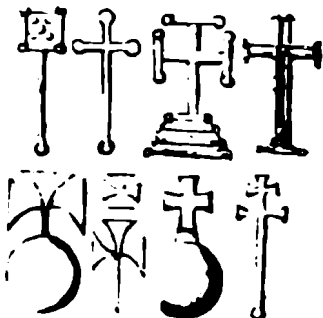
"It is most interesting to read what a christian of A.D. 220 said,

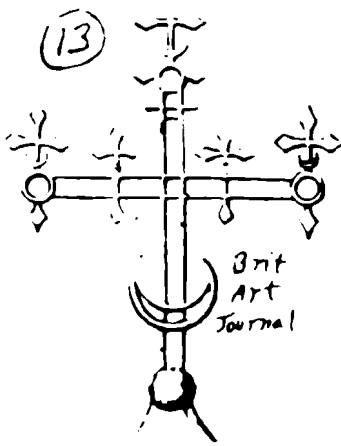
Crosses we (christians) neither worship nor wish for. You (pagans), who consecrate wooden gods, worship wooden crosses, perhaps as part of your gods; for your very standards, as well as your banners and ensigns of your camp, what are they but crosses, gilt and decked?

This is from Minucius Felix, Roman Christian writer, quoted in Cornish Crosses; Christian and Pagan, by T.F.G. and Henry Dexter. Longmans Green, London, 1938, page 157.

"Vance observes the following:

Early church writers declare that the Tau cross (T) contains "great secrets." The serpent crosier is called a Tau and the mark, brand, sign, or stigma was so frequently made in the form of the cross that the latter word has become almost synonymous with stigma. In Webster, originally stigma was the 6th letter of the Greek alphabet and stood for ST and 6. In Liddle and Scott we find that the letters S,T,X, and the number 6, have a special relationship and are at times interchangeable.





There also seems to be an intimate relation between the + or plus sign meaning 'also' or 'and' just as the comma(,) which is an upside down 6 and a form of the ancient waw which valued 6...If the mystic 'triple Tau' of the mysteries and of the church conceals a triple stigma, if the stigma and the cross carry the same symbolism, and if the number 666 was sacred to a hoofed, tailed and horned sun-god from the time of Babylon on, as Budge proves in his AMULETS AND SUPERSTITIONS, the placing of Christ on the cross between two other crosses certainly carries a deeper meaning than has been understood.

"That's something to consider," said Ron. "I can surely see how easy one can be led off by Satan's deceptions. I see our only safety is to follow exactly what the Bible says and no more."

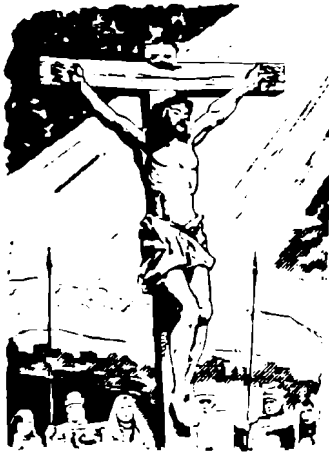


"There is a deeper meaning yet to the cross that we need to understand. Steed tells us that:

The four arms denote movement and change while the perpendicular and horizontal, forming the cross present a union of opposites with total non-duality at the central point--the ultimate mingling ideal to reach the goal of oneness...The cross was likewise a symbol of the tree itself, harking back to the very beginning of mankind where the mingling of good and evil was originally introduced. Bacchus (or Tammuz) the god of wine portraying the ancient and modern image of mixing drinks and debauchery, was represented with a headband covered with crosses. Fruit, leaves and the tree all became symbolic... enunciating the search for oneness announced at the tree through a unity of good and evil...It is generally recognized as a life sign...coming from the conjunction of opposites. It therefore pictures the male and female principle, as well as good and evil harmonizing to bring life after death!



"Do you detect Satan's original falsehoods in the meanings of the cross? It is very sad how paganism has associated in all it's symbolism, the female with evil, thus degrading womanhood and giving supposed reason to demean and mistreat women.



"In Acts 5:30, Peter talking to the Jews declared, 'The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.' And Paul wrote, 'Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.' Jesus had to bear the curse of our trying to mix good and evil and be slain on the very symbol of the fusion of opposites.

"May it be that we also shall be crucified to all temptation to mix evil with good, and choose total obedience to the absolutely good God, so that we can say as did the great apostle Paul, 'I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live but not I but Christ liveth in me, and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.' Galatians 2:20."

"That's exactly what we want," chorused John and Ron.

CHAPTER EIGHT

THE APIS BULL AND BAAL MOLOCH

"Say, Ernest, you really left us speechless last night. Is there still more of this to come? I have mixed emotions when I learn all these things. It just seems like we have become so terribly involved in all of the customs that it will be impossible to extricate ourselves."



"That's exactly the way the Evil One wants us to feel, Ron. But look at Abraham, the father of the faithful. He was born in the midst of this apostasy in Ur of the Caldees, right near where it all began. God had to call him to 'come out of Babylon' just as He is calling us to come out today. Aren't you glad he obeyed and left it all? He founded God's true church of the old testament. God's looking for men of faith today, too."

"By God's help I want to follow Abraham's path and come clear out of Babylon and have nothing to do with her sins," said John quietly, "and I'm sure Ron is with me."

"You are absolutely right, John. It is the only way to go, but it does take some real adjusting, like Ernest warned us it would. I'm ready to hear more Ernest, but let's pray for God's strength first."

"Why don't you pray, Ron. It doesn't need to be anything flowery; just express to God what is on your heart as you would to me."

"O.K. Ernest, I'll try."



"Dear Father, we love you and want your truth but when we see in how many ways we have been in error, it's hard for our proud hearts to take it. Make us humble and teachable, Lord, and give us strength to accept and follow all your truth, no matter what it costs. In Jesus' name, Amen."

"When the Isrealites went into Egypt, they were going into a hotbed of devilworship. The pharaoh was called the son of the sungod and was considered divine. They all worshipped the



Apis bull, or as we have called him the alpha or god 'I'. By certain signs the priests would recognize that the spirit of the sun god, actually a demon, had entered a bull; and they would take it in a great procession to their temple to worship it. Sometimes thousands would walk in these processions carrying their different gods that they had made. The bull idol was found in many kings' tombs. This is without doubt the reason that the Isrealites, when they arrived at Sinai and Moses went up the mountain, finally talked Aaron into making a god for them that they could see and feel as they had been used to in Egypt. Naturally they made an Apis bull. They were involved in worshipping Satan himself in the form of the golden calf. No wonder Moses was so upset with them. But the most wonderful part was his love for them and willingness to even give up his eternal life in order to save them. Then we behold God's mercy in forgiving them.

"What a difference in the character of our loving heavenly Father and the murderous destroyer who only enjoys causing us to do evil and hurt others."

"When the Isrealites got to Canaan they were to encounter another bull idol even more terrible. He was called Baal (meaning lord) Moloch, perhaps the most horrible of all the sun god bulls.

"His head was in the form of a bull, but his body was a man's. The body was made in the form of an oven with a place to kindle a fire at the bottom. The priest could get inside these huge idols to make their arms work, causing the people to think that the image was actually live. They were taught, by the priests of Baal, that they must sacrifice their first-born child to be roasted alive, in order for him and all the rest of the family to have eternal life. It is said that the priest would lead the people into loud chanting in order to cover the screams of the mothers as they were forced by the family to place the new born babe in his huge hands which lifted the baby up, then the huge mouth would devour it. Inside, the body fell down into the heated thorax where it was baked. Then the Kahns (priests of Baal) opened the doors on the chest of the image and took out the body and ate it! From this custom comes a modern word. Say Kahn of Baal real fast and what do you get? Cannibal! And that is exactly what the worship of Satan degenerates into.



"Jesus said, 'He was a murderer from the beginning.' This is why, brethren, that we must unmask Satan and his false teachings and traditions so that people will not be deceived and ruined by the 'great destroyer'."

"Now I can understand why you feel so strongly about this devilish system," said Ron. "Honestly, I have wondered if you weren't just 'nit-picking', but now I can see what a terrible effect his false concepts have on people. They really degenerate them."

CHAPTER NINE

BABYLONS' FALSE EDUCATIONAL AND HEALING SYSTEMS

"One of Satan's chief interests is to control the mind of men so that instead of having a free will as God designed them to have, they become enslaved puppets doing only what he wants them to do.

"In order to develop this system of brain washing or mind manipulation, he had to develop an educational program to carry out his purpose. It was to be the opposite of God's program:

1. in training one in His Word and to behold His great works in nature,
2. through agriculture to learn lessons of trust and faith,
3. how to reason from cause to effect,
4. living simply and living to glorify God only,
5. loving ones' fellow man, relating in the spirit of sacrifice and cooperation,
6. using ones' time effectively,
7. learning to be productive and practical so as to become a good citizen in this world and in the world to come.

This kind of training Satan could not abide.

"His program would make robots out of his subjects. He would:

1. by flattery and exaltation, turn mans' head away from a service-oriented training to a complicated system of self-glorification,
2. have man live in the cities where the false motivation of competition for rewards and prizes rather than learning for the sake of service to others would dominate,
3. crowd men together in metropolitan areas where they could much more easily be corrupted by a concentration of evil influences, and the voice of the Spirit of God would be shut out by the din,
4. in place of useful recreation in agriculture or construction, he would involve man in stimulating competitive games where self would be glorified.
5. in the development of the competitive attitude and desires, he would gradually turn man into a murderer you would love military action in plundering and destroying others.
6. under military control destroy individuality so that man would lose the power to think for himself and thus be controlled like a puppet.

7. prostitute mans' true desires to learn for the motivation of service to a system of cramming the mind full of unusable facts to gain a degree, whose required studies can be controlled by the Evil One, so as to mold the mind in his image.
8. convince men that only those who had these titles or degrees were capable of teaching, and no other teachers could be accredited,
9. thus with teachers, whose minds had been cut off from the Spirit of God, and only these allowed to teach, all men would soon be under his mind control system and totally divorced from Gods' truth.

"The system would glorify man and his wisdom above that of God until they would declare that there is no god but themselves, thus no spirit-filled teacher could reach them, because they had subjected themselves to the mind control system.

"This diabolical system was what was functioning in Christ's day and that was the cause of the Jews' rejection and crucifixion of their Messiah! Could we be in the same danger today?"

"We surely could," exclaimed Ron. "In fact that is what has happened in our state universities. Only mans' teachings are recognized and God is left completely out. The theory of evolution is accepted as absolute fact and the Bible is made fun of."

"That is even beginning to occur in some Christian universities," observed John. "No wonder God calls us to come out of Babylon."

"You also realize that God has a true healing system that is based on harmony and compliance with the laws of health that we mentioned already. Obedience in getting enough fresh air, sunshine, exercise, rest, and natural diet and refraining from any habit that may damage ones' body will bring true health. One must learn to trust in the Creator, using faith in the natural healing remedies that God has created, such as the medicinal herbs, clay, charcoal and water treatments. One will learn to cooperate with the efforts of nature to expel toxic waste, which we call disease, by helping the body cleanse itself of these conditions rather than to take a drug that might paralyze the cleansing process which causes discomfort.

"May we illustrate so that you can understand what I'm endeavoring to explain. For example, if one has diarrhea, it is because the body is trying to expel offending bacteria and putrifying fecal material which is poisoning the system. To give a drug which paralyzes the cleansing efforts would be to frustrate nature. But the rational treatment would be to use hydrotherapy in the form of an enema or better yet a colonic to wash out the colon as well as a simple herb laxative combined

with a juice fast and rest for two or three days to give opportunity for the whole body to expel all the offending toxins. The diarrhea then would naturally cease.

"The same with fever. Rather than think of the fever as the enemy, one must reason from cause to effect, realizing that the fever is a reaction of the body to infectious bacteria which are almost always a secondary cause of disease, rarely a primary cause. Bacteria multiply in an environment of putrification since they were made to be scavengers to eat up rotting material. Rather than try to knock the fever with a drug, the rational program would be to assist the body in cleansing itself from the putrification in the same program mentioned above. Then help the body raise its temperature even more (providing it has not reached a dangerous limit) through hydrotherapy. This process usually will kill the remaining bacteria and cause the body to break out into a sweat. It eliminates the toxins through the pores and then lowers the temperature naturally.

"After the treatment is completed, the patient needs to be instructed as to the causes of his illness and the changes to be made in the unhealthful conditions and habits that have caused the illness. Always involved in the rational cure is a call back to obeying God's physical, mental and spiritual laws, the source of good health. The sick must be taught that they are responsible for their health and by obedience can enjoy well-being.

"I explain this, boys, so that you can see how the Evil One has destroyed people's health through a false healing philosophy. In place of teaching that disease and sickness come from disobedience to the laws of health, the Babylonian witch doctor claimed that sickness came from evil spirits that had entered into the person. (Today we might sophisticatedly call them viruses or germs.) The only way to be healed was to call for the witch doctor who through magical encantations and secret brews could destroy the evil spirits, to at least cast them out or appease them. They were taught that only the witch doctor could do this work and thus were made totally dependent on him and his secret medicines for their health.

"The witch doctor was considered a god and his word absolute law! In the Bible these men were called sorcerers. Sorcery was considered one of the vilest sins whose ultimate end was to be the lake of fire! (Revelation 21:8)

"The word for sorcery in the Greek was pharmakeus or pharmakos; the word from which we get pharmacy today!

"These doctors used the caduces which was a phallic stake with a sun on top with two wings (rays) extending out on either side and two serpents, representing dualism)

coiled around it as their healing profession symbol. The snakes' bodies, forming the mystical numbers six and eight, direct us back to the Fiery (6) Flying (6) Serpent (6) and Satan himself. It is he who is glorified for having done the healing. Terrel tells us that:

The serpent which has the power to puff up and stand erect is a phallic symbol and is called 'Father' and 'Life Giver.' The word pope means father and seems to have its roots in the ancient and wide-spread word for serpent, - op, ope, or oph. The word rope (an almost universal symbol of the serpent) and... dope (called the serpents' foam or opium in the Orient) is considered as the drug of demon or serpent possession, and mope (to act as if drugged or in a trance); all are related to the same serpent word rope. p. 19 of THE MYSTERY NUMBER 666.

"Wow," exclaimed Ron, "I never thought of poisonous and addictive drugs as being the venom of the Old Serpent! But, Ernest, I've seen these caduceus symbols all over the place. Every drug store has them!"

"It's true, Ron, and how little people understand the tremendous implications," Ernest said sadly.

"Going back to the origin of the Babylonian healing system, we find again that it began with Cush and Nimrod and is directly related to dualism. Steed in his book TWO BE ONE, pp. 89-106 gives us the following well researched information.

The word alchemy is thought to have come from the Arabic 'al kimya,' originally derived from the Greek 'chuma,' meaning fusion. Cush...introduced the basic ideas of magic,..as a part of the Babylonian mysteries...presenting a uniform concept of...amalgamation for transmutation to bring forth superiority...Our work, says the alchemist, is the conversion and change of one being into another, one thing into another thing, weakness into strength, bodily into spiritual nature.

This, again, is claiming the powers that only belong to the Creator. Again, 'the general term used for alchemy in Chinese literature is Lien Tan (its literal meaning is pill or drug of transmutation) with prolongation of the physical life with immortality as the ultimate goal!'

At the root of all alchemy was astrology with its macrocism, microcism and transformation...the theory of evolution is just another term for trans-



mutation through progression achieved by conflict and struggle that ends with a new creature. Hermetic can mean occult, hidden...The caduceus carried by Hermes...with the wings, the magic rod, or wand and the two serpents...signifies the integration of the four elements, the wand corresponding to earth, the wings to air, the serpents to fire and water. The intertwining serpents were a symbol of the god who cures all illness, a meaning which passed into Greek culture. Necessity for the...balanced duality is twice stated in the serpents and in the wings. The symmetrical placing of two serpents as in the caduceus of Mercury is indicative of an equilibrium of forces."

"Here again, boys, we find Satans' original desire to equal with God symbolized and also, we find him claiming to be the healer in place of the Creator.

"But Steed goes on to tell us,

"Alcohol, thought to be an elixir, was by many called the water of life or fire water because it too, symbolized the mixture of fire and water, hot and cold. The words whiskey (Gaelic) and vodka (Russian) both mean water of life, conveying the belief that opposites were blended to achieve life.

"The drug, mercury, is considered to be the seminal discharge of Siva by the Hindus. Even our western drug problem stems from the illusion that we might ultimately discover a miracle drug to solve all of life's problems...Taking the children of Israel out of Egypt, God Jehovah, the Creator, gave them principles and practices for health and healing based on natural and divine law. 'Ye shall not walk in the manners of the nations, which I cast out before you; for they committed all these things and therefore I abhorred them."

"Once again, we see that Satan's formula is to mingle--in this case for healing. But God's formula is to separate, purify and cleanse as enunciated in the Book of Leviticus...The ancient sorcerers concocted the drug of their day. We don't think of modern pharmacists as witches, but the ancient assertion lingers. Today, drug use is one of the great evils of society. It's more than incidental that, forecasting the last days before the final judgments of God, the Bible says, 'Nor did they repent of their murders, their sorcery(drugs), their fornication, or their robberies...with your sorcery (drugs). You have deceived all nations."

"No wonder, boys, that a famous health hygenist E.G. White wrote, 'More deaths have been caused by drug-taking than from all other causes combined...Multitudes of...drugs have cursed the inhabitants of the earth, and have carried thousands and tens of thousands to untimely graves.'
MINISTRY OF HEALING. p. 450.

"The Evil One would love to convince us that the secret to health is found in a bottle or pill rather than obeying Gods' laws of health. Poisonous and addicting drugs are used to stimulate the body, which minimizes the discomfort, therefore, the person feels better. One continues to break the laws of health. Or the drugs may be used to deaden the sensibilities so that the person will not recognize the bodies distress signals and thus continue their wrong health habits without discomfort. In either case the person is deceived and eventually will pay a bitter price. It is this type of misuse of drugs that we especially are opposed to, although recognizing that there may be situations of emergency where their use is necessary. However, in every case the patient must be taught that it is harmony with God's laws of health not the medicine, whether drug or natural medicine, that is going to cure him. As our God so beautifully promised in Exodus 15:26:

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all of his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

"Ernest, I caught something else that is bothering me. Do you not believe in recreation?"

"Oh, yes, of course, John, but in re-creation not wreck creation! We want the type that restores us to God's image, such as hiking in nature, swimming and especially useful exercise such as gardening, chopping wood, construction, landscaping, etc.

"What about competitive sports? You know that Ron and I are almost pros in soccer and we play regularly."

"Well, the only thing I can suggest is that you study and pray about it and see what God tells you. The question is, who do you want to be like? Our activities affect our characters and develop them to be like that of God or Satan. I suggest that you think of God's characteristics and Satan's and analyze the different actions of competitive sports to see which they develop."

"How do you mean?"

"Well, let's make a list:

Satan is hateful and self-seeking,	while God is <u>loving</u>
unmerciful, unkind	kind and merciful
vindictive	unselfish
selfish	generous
greedy, envious	preserves other's free will
forces free will	totally honest,
deceitful	without guile
untrustworthy	trustworthy
proud	humble
murderous	preserves life
blasphemous, curser	pure in language and all things
hot tempered	controlled, slow to anger,
impatient	patient.

"Now, what characteristics do sports develop? In order to play the game effectively, is it necessary to feint or deceive? Do you put your opponent first always, kindly and generously giving him the advantage?"

"Oh, come on, Ernest, Don't be funny. You could never win if you did that," remonstrated Ron.

"Exactly," said Ernest. "The two cannot go together. Do you try to force your way past your opponent? Or do you force the ball past in spite of his trying to stop you? What kind of language is spoken on the field that you will hear all the time, even if you don't say it? Does it have an effect on you? Are you trying to preserve the health and well-being of your opponent and does he try to preserve yours, or are there murderous feelings displayed? Are there actual attempts to foul and physically damage the opponent? Why do you call the other team opponents? Is it not the same spirit and attitude of the one who said 'I will exalt myself above the stars of God...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High. (Isa. 14"13,14) Do you seek glory for the other team or for yourself?"

"Does playing the game foster attitudes of cooperation, love toward each other and generosity, or feelings of competition with the desire to beat the other team in order to get the glory? Is it not actually a controlled form of war? John, if you can honestly say that playing these games helps you be more like God, magnificent; go right ahead. But if you have to admit that it develops in you the spirit and attitude of satanic self-glorification and the glorifying of man above God, then you need to decide on whose team you are."

"Ernest, you have really got me. This is going to be a rough decision. Please pray for me."

"By the way, fellows, while we are speaking of rough decisions, I understand you both have fiancées. Don't you think it might be wise to invite them to these studies? It will be hard for them to understand the tremendous changes that are taking place in your lives. If they can make the changes with you, it will be much easier. You need to give them a chance to decide if this is really the kind of life they want to have. In 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 we have some wonderful counsel which could help you avoid a ruined life. It is only fair that you give them time to think about these things and to study them out for themselves as you are doing.

"I've already broached the subject to Gloria," said John. "She's a beautiful and very popular girl, and it is very difficult for her to get serious about religion. I feel bad, that I wasn't more serious about these things before we started going together. I surely need your prayers that God will guide her and me to make the right decisions."

"My Ellen will follow in any thing I believe," boasted Ron. "She's a wonderful girl and absolutely loyal to me."

"That's good in some ways, John, but it's important that she believes these things for herself; because someday, when the real test comes, her loyalty for another human being won't be able to hold her true."

"You just don't know her yet, Ernest. I've told her all about what we have been studying and she's all in favor, but I'll take your counsel and invite her to the studies."

CHAPTER TEN

REINCARNATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAD

"Well, boys, tonight we shall study one of the most interesting subjects thus far, --the pagan teaching about the dead. Do you remember what we learned was Satan's first lie?"

"I do," said Ron. "You shall not surely die, or that we are born with immortal souls that cannot die."

"I was studying about this the other day," added John, "and I found out some real interesting things that the Bible has to say about this subject. It seems to be that the basic problem causing confusion is an understanding of what the soul is. Apparently Plato, who was a pagan had had a tremendous influence on the modern world with his concept of the body as evil and only a shell for the spirit or soul. They considered the soul to be a separate entity that goes into another existence at death but really doesn't die. Now, this is just opposite to what I found in the Bible."

"What did you find?" queried Ernest.

"Well, in the first place, I looked up soul in the concordance and found in Genesis the second chapter that, 'God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.' These words 'breath of life' are the same as 'spirit' in other places. So actually it seems that the body combined with the spirit makes the soul."

"Well thought out, John. It's just like a TV set, you have the box with all the components but until you put electricity into it it doesn't work and is useless. When you combine the two, you get a third element, an image with sound. Now the image and sound weren't in the box before you plugged it in, nor was it in the electricity which you united to the box. However, when the two are combined you have life, as it were. When you shut it off, where does the image and sound go?"

"Simply out," answered Ron. "It doesn't go anywhere."

"That's just what happens at death according to the Bible. Ecclesiastes 12:7 says, 'Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.' Notice it says the spirit or we can say the life-giving power. Just as the electricity returns to the

dynamo. But it never says anything about the soul going anywhere. It just simply ceases to exist as life, just as the picture and image cease to exist. That is why the Bible says in this same book in chapter 9:5,6:

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward: for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

"Also in Psalms 115:17 it says:

The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence,

and clearly shows they are asleep.

"Our only hope is in the resurrection. This is why Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life, in John 11:25. Furthermore 1 John 5:12 tells us, 'He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son hath not life.'" Any teaching that says there is life apart from Jesus is anti-christ. Even Satan himself, receives life from Christ our Creator.

" Now Jesus says in John 5:28,29:

Marvel not at this for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, into the resurrection of damnation.

Where do you understand the dead are, according to Jesus statement here, John?"

"It's very clear to me that they are in the grave. Furthermore I found another verse in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 that explains it all so clearly:

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope...For the Lord himself, shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. "

"But aren't the wicked being tortured in hell like we always were taught by the priest?" questioned Ron. "I remember our priest telling us to imagine a great sea shore with miles and miles of sand and a sparrow coming once each million years to take away one grain. He said after all that beach has been removed, that is only the beginning of eternal torment in hell! That really scared the devil out of me for a short time, but then I forgot about it and went back to the same old life. The problem is that it has always made me feel afraid of God and really wonder if I can trust Him, if He would do such a terrible thing."

"Well, John, I'm really happy to tell you that the Bible says that the unjust are reserved 'unto the day of judgment to be punished. This is in 2 Peter 2:9. Wouldn't God be unfair to put somebody in hell before He judged him?"

"Seems to me He would be unwise to put anybody in heaven before they are judged also," observed John. "Another thing connected with this is this matter of immortality. I found out that God 'only hath immortality,' according to 1 Timothy 6:15, 16, and that we only receive it as a gift at Jesus' coming. That was in 1 Corinthians 15:52-54."

"That makes sense to me," replied Ron. "After all, who would want to be an immortal sinner? I studied into that, Ernest, and it left me a bit confused. Most of the texts I found indicate that the wicked will just be destroyed and annihilated, such as Malachi 4:1,

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

"Obadiah speaking of the wicked says, 'They shall be as though they had not been,' in the first chapter and the sixteenth verse. Psalms 37:10 says, 'for yet a little while and the wicked shall not be, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. Also in Matthew 10:28 Jesus says, 'and fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to kill both soul and body in hell.' However, there were some texts which seem to indicate everlasting destruction."

"It will be everlasting destruction and punishment, Ron, as they never will come back again. The second death is eternal, just like Sodom and Gommorah were burned with eternal fire, according to Jude, yet Peter says they were reduced to ashes. They are not still burning but have been eternally destroyed, (2 Peter 2:6). In Revelation 20:9 it says that fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. How much is left when something is devoured?

"In Revelation 21:4 it tells us, 'There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.' If there were people around still being tortured, that couldn't be true. Why would God want to torture Himself throughout eternity? He loves the wicked but has to permit them to die, really as an act of mercy. The only reason for believing in an eternal burning hell is because you believe in the immortality of the soul. Once you see that God would be totally irresponsible to make immortal sinners, then you can rejoice that sin will be totally eradicated and once again God will have a harmonious universe with no more sorrow.

"The immortality of the soul doctrine is purely a Christ denying pagan doctrine. Even when we are in heaven, the only reason we shall have immortality is because we will have Jesus. We shall never have life, wisdom or righteousness innately in ourselves. It will always ever be only in Jesus and we will sing throughout eternity, 'Only Thou art holy.' Revelation 15:4. Thank God this will forever keep us humble and dependent on Him. Total dependence on Jesus is our eternal life insurance.

"Righteousness by Faith and the everlasting covenant are one and the same thing. Jesus says, 'I will put my laws into their minds and write them on their hearts.' Hebrews 8:10. Christ in you the Hope of Glory is the eternal principle of the universe, only with this continual relationship will the intelligent creature retain his free will and stay in harmony with God and his fellowman.

"That's really beautiful, Ernest, and that is my one desire, to ever have Jesus ruling supreme in my heart," confessed Ron.

"Likewise," said John, "but Ernest, what about this communication with the dead and reincarnation business?"

"Well, John, both of these false concepts are based upon the immortality of the soul doctrine. Once you are straight on the truth, that when a person is dead, he's dead, and knows nothing until the resurrection, you cannot be shaken by either one of these deceptions of the great deceiver. Reincarnation denies your need of Jesus the lifegiver, and says that when you die, you pass into another existence. It is the basis of Spiritism which logically concludes that you can communicate with these reincarnated spirits.

"You remember in the New Testament that it says that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection? The reason they didn't is because they had gone to the universities of the pagans and adopted their reincarnation-immortality of the soul doctrines, which destroys the need of the resurrection.

"It never ceases to amaze me how so-called Bible believing evangelicals are not able to see this. They hold on to this immortality of the soul doctrine and the teaching that one goes to heaven or hell when he dies and is conscious. It leaves them open to the great last-day deceptions of spiritualism and communication with their (what seems to be) dead loved ones, who aren't really dead but have passed on, according to their belief, to another existence.

"Pagan sunworship was rife with spiritism and still is today. Spiritism today, is growing faster than christianity. Millions read the horoscope, listen to Jean Dixon and other readers of the crystal ball, and watch spiritist healers perform bloodless surgery on TV as well as watching clairvoyants communicate with the dead or beings from outer space who come to visit us on so-called flying saucers. You will find that every one of these groups, along with the eastern religion groups, hold the four great lies or doctrines of devils in common. How deeply sad that some christian churches hold to some of these doctrines and 99% of them hold to the immortality of the soul doctrine.

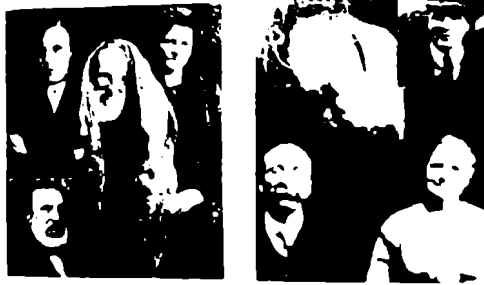
"Now Spiritism or communication with the dead is completely forbidden in the Word of God along with divination or fortune telling and all the other aberrations practiced. In Deuteronomy 18:9-13 God tells us in no uncertain words:

'There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord; and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee...'

Also in Isaiah 8:19 the Lord instructs, 'And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?' Then He gives an excellent test for all who come to us claiming to be of God. 'To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because they have no light in them.'

"Spiritism is nothing more than another form in which the devil wishes to get control of you by masquerading as your dead loved one. If he can fool you to think you are communicating with a dead loved one or exalted person who has now passed on to a higher life, naturally you will do all that it tells you to and then you are under Satan's control.

"Here are two photos of spiritualistic seances where the family were trying to communicate with their dead loved one and out of the 'eektoplasm', as the spiritists call it, emerged these images which were photographed. The inset photos are of the loved one before his death. What a powerful deception!



"Connected with Spiritism is demon possession, which is the ultimate in Satan's program to control us, in which the person voluntarily is living in rebellion against God, and thus gives the Evil One freedom to take total control of the mind. The person then becomes his robot. This seems to be becoming more and more frequent until a famous Hollywood film has been produced called the 'Exorcist' which has brought the problem to worldwide attention, although unfortunately in more of a sensational way than the serious approach that should be used.

"Thank God, Jesus is just as powerful today as He was 2,000 years ago and can deliver anyone that reaches out to Him for liberty from Satans'slavery. Later on I would be most happy to give you a study on the Bible steps for releasing a possessed person from the domination of Satan."

"Say, that would be useful and important for us to know," commented John. "I've had a lot of questions about this matter."

"Me too," said Ron. "I've always wondered about Jesus' command in Matthew 10:8 to cast out devils, yet it seems like no one I've ever met knew how to do so."

"Another form of Spiritism is hypnosis, which is giving ones' free will and consciousness over to another mind. In this process the hypnotist has to have the voluntary cooperation of his subject, as otherwise God will not permit this to happen. Jesus died to preserve in us a free will and God, Himself, will not take over our will power to operate us like robots. The mind is the sacred temple of the Holy Spirit and we should never allow another finite being to control it.

"Transcendental meditation is a form of what is called

self-hypnosis, by those who do not understand that actually there is no such thing, but rather the spirit of Satan is allowed to fill the mind. When we try to empty the mind of everything, we are making a vacuum for the demonic powers to fill. Our conscious attempt should be to have the Holy Spirit of God and His love in our minds, occupying our thoughts. 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 2:5.

"Jesus tells us that in the last days, 'there shall arise false christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, in so much that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Revelation 13:13, speaking of a great political-religious power that is coming, says that, 'he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do.' Even today we see marvelous spiritistic miracles and healings. If Satan can afflict us with sickness, he can also heal us. He can also control the future to a certain extent in the lives of those that serve him, enough to predict or guess sufficiently well what will happen to them that they can be deceived to think he knows the future.

"What about the future, Ernest? Does the Bible give any sure light on what is coming?"

"It surely does, John. In fact we can foretell with considerable accuracy, the events coming for the next thousand years. You find this marvelous prophecy given in Revelation 20:6 where it tells us about the millenium and that the saints will reign with Jesus for a thousand years, after the first resurrection.

"In Thessalonians 4:16-18 we are given an outline of the first several events. First it says that the wicked dead who are sleeping now will be resurrected at Christ's coming. Jesus will come with a great shout and voice of the archangel and Revelation 1:7 says every eye will see him, as well as in Matthew 24:26,30. Jesus warns us against anyone who claims he will come secretly saying, 'Believe it not. For as the lightening cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, and he shall send his angels...to gather his elect.' At the same time as the resurrected are caught up to meet Jesus in the clouds we find that the living righteous are caught up too, so that we all shall be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:17,18.

"Now, according to John 14:1-3, Jesus has gone to prepare a home for us in heaven and will come again to take us to be with him there. At the same coming the Bible says the wicked will be destroyed with the brightness of his coming. 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

"Furthermore Satan will be bound to this abyss or earth reduced to its chaotic state by a terrible earthquake and holocaust. (Revelation 20:1-3 and Jeremiah 4:23-27) Jeremiah also says that the earth will lie desolate during this period with all life at a standstill except for Satan and his angels.

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"Where are you going to spend the thousand years, fellows, with Satan on this earth or with Jesus in the glorious holy city?"

"Ernest, there is no question where we are determined to be," replied Ron. "Jesus is now our constant companion, but go on and tell us what else happens."

"At the end of the millenium, Revelation 20:5 says that the wicked who were slain by his coming, will be resurrected. He will loose Satan, for then he will have someone to deceive, and the 'Holy city will come down from God out of heaven,' (Revelation 21:2) with the saints and Jesus. As the Holy City settles on the earth with its' incredible riches, the wicked will covet it and Satan will deceive them to think that they can capture it. So he marshalls the billions of wicked to go up and surround this huge 375 mile square city.

"Then will come the great white throne judgment where each one receives his sentence and fire comes down from God and devours them. The worst ones being punished longer, of course, according to their deed, but all being finally and completely devoured. See Revelation 20:7-12 and 1 Peter 3:10-13. Then God burns up all the surface of the earth that has been contaminated with sin, and recreates it all over new again. The saints inherit the beautifully recreated earth.

"Isaiah 65:21-26 indicates that we, the saints, will have country homes as well as a city home, and there will be peace ever after. I plan to build my home around a beautiful little lake that I already have planned with Jesus. It will have lots of beautiful animals, especially horses and sheep and lions. Today the only way a lion and a lamb lie down together is if the lamb is inside his belly. But in heaven, they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain.' The lion shall eat straw like the bullock,' in other words we all will be vegetarians. We won't eat any more cadavers!"

"Ouch! I never thought of meat eating in that way," said John. "I guess if it was God's ideal in the creation of the world and we are going to be vegetarians in heaven, it's time we started acting like we are going there and adopt the heavenly diet."

"I'll go you," said Ron. "Let's start tomorrow."

"Wonderful," said Ernest. "I can testify by years of experience that you will be much more healthy physically and spiritually. Satan is the killer and he wants you to take life and destroy to satisfy your carnal desires being stimulated by the uric acid of meat to become more brutal and ferocious. Why not join the peaceful animals who use the vegetarian diet?"

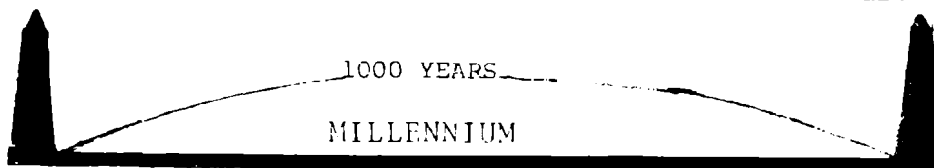
"Just to finish, boys, I want to build my house out of the living vines and trees. It will be a perfect temperature and there will be no rain if it is restored as it was in the beginning, (Genesis 2:5), so we will need no roofs but can enjoy the starry heavens sleeping under them. Then when I wake up in the morning I'll just reach over to the wall and pull down a luscious piece of fruit and have breakfast in bed! Now don't you think that's a good idea? Gellows, it is just that real. If we can only get a vision of it in our minds, 'the things of this earth will grow very dim, in the light of His glory and grace.'

"When I get my house all finished, you know what I'd like to do. I'd like to invite you over to enjoy it with me. Shall we make it a date? Then let us plan to invite Jesus too, for that will be the best things about our glorious home.

"Thank you for the invitation, Ernest. By the grace of God we'll be there."

"To review what we've covered I'd like to have you check over this chart to make sure all the events are clear in your minds."

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| 1. Christ comes | 1. Wicked resurrected |
| 2. Righteous resurrected | 2. Satan loosed |
| 3. Living righteous caught up | 3. Satan goes to deceive |
| 4. Their bodies changed | 4. Holy City descends |
| 5. All righteous to heaven | 5. Wicked surround city |
| 6. Living wicked slain | 6. Wicked destroyed |
| 7. Satan bound | 7. New earth |



Conditions during millenium

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| 1. Earth desolate-bottomless pit | 3. Satan confined on earth |
| 2. Wicked all dead | 4. Saints judging in heaven |

"I do hope that this study has made very clear that the immortality of the soul doctrine is not found in the teachings of the Bible but is a doctrine of Satan.



"Note here, this picture of an Egyptian mummy with the soul pictured as a bird with a man's head taking its departure. You remember that the Egyptians were sun-worshippers and you can now see where this doctrine came from."

"There's no doubt in my mind, Ernest. From now on I'm going to trust in Jesus only for life, realizing that there is no life apart from Him," declared John.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE MATHEMATICAL MESSIAH - GOD'S ANSWER TO SATANISM

"Good evening, Ernest. I want you to meet my fiancée, Ellen. She's come to join our studies."

"Wonderful, Ellen. I'm sure your presence will enhance and enrich the presentations."

"Thank you. Ron has told me so much about you and the interesting concepts that you are sharing that I just had to come and hear for myself."

"I wish Gloria would come," said Ron ruefully, "but she just doesn't seem to be interested and actually my new interests seem to be separating us. She wants a good time and I find those things so shallow now that I just can't enjoy them."

"Take courage, John, perhaps God has more wonderful plans for your future," comforted Ernest.

"In our studies so far we have been unmasking Satanism, which has been a bit negative but necessary if we are to understand what 666 and the mark of the beast really mean. We must also gain an overview of history. We've now seen how Satan's religion gained control over most of the world including our own hemisphere. Apparently when God confounded the languages at the Tower of Babel, because the people went into sunworship and rebellion against him, this caused them to begin fighting among themselves. Many were forced to flee for their lives and they were scattered around the world.

"There are definite archeological indications that our forefathers traveled through Asia and around the Bering Peninsula which may have included much more land than we now know. Actually it has been recently postulated that our continents were once united. There seems to have been a great continent that sunk into the Atlantic Ocean called Atlantis, after the melting of the ice from the ice age, which could have been caused by the catastrophic changes brought on by the flood.

"Creationists believe that God caused the flood by condensing a vapor envelope that had previously protected the earth and maintained a more uniform temperature all around the globe, as well as shielding man from the actinic and ultraviolet rays of the sun. When this was collapsed it changed atmospheric pressures and there was a tremendous

mount of volcanic activity which would have cooled the earth's temperature considerably from the volcanic ash in the atmosphere as did Krakatao's explosion in the last century.

"The Genesis account shows a rapid shortening of the lifespan, in just a few generations. Probably the greatest factor was the change from a vegetarian diet to a carnivorous diet for lack of fruits and vegetables after the flood. Certainly the atmospheric conditions had its effects, also.

"Ernest, where in the world did you learn all these things? How is it possible that just a factory worker could have the knowledge you have gained?"

"I enjoy studying the Bible and how history relates to it. As one delves into these various subjects one finds information such as I have just told you. This study about Satanism is one subject developed in the same way.

"After Satan was able to spread his sunworshipping religion over most of the earth, he still was not happy until he could deceive God's chosen people, the Israelites, to worship him, also. The Old Testament history of Israel is a continual apostasy into different forms of paganism and then God calling His people back to Him through prophets and various judges. Finally the people demanded Samuel to give them a king like the other nations had. Samuel felt very bad about this, feeling that he was rejected, but God comforted him saying that they really hadn't rejected him, but had rejected God as their King. From that time on things went worse for Israel, as the kings could force them to do as they wished.

"As we have already seen, Satan always uses force symbolized by the horns and hoofs of forceful animals. The other tool he uses to gain control of men is deception. God will use neither of these, but only the right and the truth, always giving the person free choice and guaranteeing that he will not permit Satan to pressure him more than he can bare. I would like to share something with you in this connection. If the Evil One is pressuring you and you wish to make him flee, just start praising God. He can't stand to hear this, as he wants to be God so much. If you learn to do this in every occasion no matter how bad the situation seems to be, you will be amazed how it will change your life. It is the best health tonic I know of.

"God has promised us that 'the angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him and delivereth them.' (Psalms 34:7) If you believe by faith that you are God's child and have accepted his Son as your Savior, then you can

be sure that there is a ring or hedge of protection around you, just like Job had, so Satan complained. Satan cannot get through this barrier without God's permission. If God permits it, it will be for your or someone else's blessing, or for His glory, as in the case of Job. Therefore, you can praise Him for everything that comes to you. Instead of having a lot of stress and getting all upset when things go wrong, praise God for it and it won't tear you apart psychologically. I know it works because this kept my sanity in a very stressful experience through which I recently passed. It is extremely important that we learn to defeat the Evil One with praise.

"Now, to go on with Israel's experience. Over and over again they would fall into sin and have to suffer, then come back to God in repentance only to fall again. They always tried to do right in their own strength which is really salvation by works, instead of trusting in Him to do it through them and then return the glory to Him. Because of their rebellion and disregard for God's Sabbath and other commandments, He had to let them go into captivity to Babylon so that they would really learn what it was like to have Satan rule over them and the horror of his perverted way of life.

"After 70 years, God in His love, called them out of Babylon to rebuild and restore Jerusalem, but not only the city but also their spiritual lives. He gave a marvelous prophecy found in Daniel 8 and 9 that His Sanctuary was to be cleansed in 2300 day-years and that God would especially give the Jews a final test. He had sent His prophets and they had stoned them. Now He would send His own Son, the Messiah. He gave them the exact date that He would begin His ministry and finally die for their sins. It would give absolute mathematical proof that Jesus was the Messiah, along with a number of other prophecies, naming Bethlehem to be the town of His birth, that He was to be born of a virgin and that He was to live in Galilee. You'll find these prophecies in Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 2:23. In Isaiah 53 His sufferings are so exactly foretold that it should break the hardest heart.

"In Daniel 9:24 we find this marvelous prophecy, giving seventy weeks of time or 490 day-years to the Jews, which was to be 'cut off' of this great 2300 day-year prophecy. We use the term day-year because God told Ezekiel in chapter 4:6 that a day stood for a year in prophecy, a yard stick which is accepted by most protestant scholars.

"The prophecy says that from the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, which king Artaxerxes made in 457 B.C. according to Ezra 7:6-13, to the anointing of Jesus

the Prince, as the Messiah, would be 69 weeks or 483 years. This brings us to 27 A.D. Luke 3:1-22 gives the only specifically recorded year of his life, his baptism in the Jordan where he was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah and states that this occurred in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar, which historians tell us would have been exactly 27 A.D. Galatians 4:4 tells us that 'When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son.'

"Then the prophecy goes on to say that, 'Messiah shall be cut off, but not for himself...and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.' Daniel 9:26,27. When Jesus died on the cross, naturally all the sacrifices that had pointed to His death would cease to have a purpose. A week is seven days but in prophecy seven years. The midst of the week would be 3 1/2 years and it was exactly three and a half years from His baptism to His death! This prophecy is so powerful in proving the Messiahship of Jesus that a group of Jews pronounced a curse on anyone who read Daniel 9.

"However, the Jews still had 3 1/2 years more or until 34 A.D. to 'finish transgression and make an end of sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity and bring in everlasting righteousness.' (verse 24) This would have happened had they accepted Jesus as their Messiah. Sadly, even though He was resurrected from the dead, they would not believe on Him, and officially rejected Christianity by the full body of the Sanhedrin when they chose to stone Stephen for preaching the gospel, exactly 3 1/2 years after Christ's death.

"How heart breaking the scripture, 'He came unto his own but His own received Him not.' (John 1:11) Sadly the apostles had to tell them, 'It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye reject it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.' The Jews were no longer God's chosen people. They could be saved individually, just as anyone else who would call on Jesus, but they had failed their commission to be God's missionaries to the world. Therefore, Galatians 3:28 declares, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, (true women's liberation) for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.'

"But there was more to the prophecy. It had said, 'Unto 2300 days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.' As we already studied, 490 of this prophecy had been cut off for the Jews, which had ended in A.D. 34. Four hundred and ninety from two thousand three hundred is eighteen hundred and ten years. Adding this to 34 A.D. we would have 1844

A.D. as the time that the sanctuary would be cleansed. We shall study about this marvelous part of the prophecy and its extremely important meaning later."

"Say, that really establishes Jesus as our Messiah without doubt, and that part where it says He would be 'cut off but not for himself,' hit me. It was for my sins not for his own guilt that He died," observed John thoughtfully."

"It's hard to believe how they could reject him," mused Ron. "But their minds had been so twisted by the paganistic concepts of Satanism that their pride and self glorifying attitudes wouldn't let them accept a humble carpenter who had no worldly educational degrees to be their Messiah and Teacher."

CHAPTER TWELVE

WHAT SATAN DOESN'T WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND

"Tonight we shall study perhaps the most basic and important concepts of the christian life, the natures of Jesus and man."

"I've been hoping we would study this subject," said John, "because there seems to be a lot of different ideas about it and I would really like to get a solid Bible foundation on which to base my conclusions."

"Although man was created to be the temple for the Holy Ghost, there must ever be kept a clear distinction between those elements which compose man's nature and those which appear in man in the person of the Spirit," began Ernest. I brought along a study on this subject by one of my former students, Luther Ross. When I met this young man he was a hippie and his mind had been blown by drugs until he spent some time in a mental institution. However, after being on a good cleansing program and choosing to live in harmony with all of Gods' laws, his mind has been restored and he has produced this profound study, that I'm going to share with you this evening.

"A careful consideration of Genesis 2:7 reveals the composition of man's nature. The elements listed are the dust of the ground and the breath of God. Both are essential elements in the composition of man. What do we reckon the breath of life to be? Is it the Holy Spirit, or is it merely the life-giving power of God?

"If we say that the breath of life is the Holy Spirit then we run into serious problems. Number one, we falsely deify man for the breath of life is a part of man. Secondly we falsely deify the animal kingdom for the scriptures say that this same breath of life is also a part of the animals. 'Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created...' (Psalms 104:29,30) Is it possible for animals to be filled with the Holy Spirit as man may be? Could the failure to clearly distinguish between the life-giving power of God and the person of the Holy Spirit be the cause of changing the 'glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things?' (Romans 1:23) Do we worship God as supreme, or do we degrade Him to our own low level? And even worse yet do we destroy the personal identity of God by amalgamating Him with animals? No! God is not to be confused with nature. The breath of God is not the Holy Spirit.

"In summary, the holistic concept of man confines his nature to his physical body. Man is the product of his physical being and the breath of life, and all his functions are restricted by it. The Holy Spirit is not an intrinsic part of human nature, therefore, man is fully human with or without the Holy Spirit. This is not to say that man does not need the Holy Spirit. There is a sense in which man is incomplete without the Spirit, not because man is not fully human, but because the whole man was not created to exist without Him.

"Seeing that a misconception of man leads to his false deification, how important it is to see that man is totally limited to his dusty frame and that he has no function apart from it. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote:

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. (Jeremiah 9:23,24)

"As man came forth from his Creator's hand his nature was perfect reflection of the divine nature. 'And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...So God created man in his own image...' (Genesis 1:26,27) Physically, mentally, and morally Adam bore the divine likeness. Filled with the Holy Spirit he was able to perfectly obey the law of God as it related to him.

"But this unity which existed between man and God was to be changed in two ways through transgression. When Adam disobeyed God, he rejected the Holy Spirit, creating a vacuum which was filled by the spirit of Satan. Scripture puts it this way: 'For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.' (2 Peter 2:19) The dominion which Adam held passed to his conqueror who became known as the 'prince of this world.' (John 14:30)

The slavery to which Adam fell was passed on to all his children and they too partook of the spirit of Satan through the law of inheritance. That Adam's fall embraced the entire human race is plain in scripture. Paul writes: 'but I am carnal, sold under sin.' (Romans 7:14) When was Paul sold, and by whom? 'Wherefore, as by one mans sin entered the world...', therefore, 'by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation...' (Romans 5:12,18) David made the same confession as Paul: 'Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.' (Psalms 51:5) And, 'The wicked are estranged from the womb:

they go astray as soon as they be born speaking lies.'
(Psalms 58:3)

"Paul wrote to the Ephesians, 'And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.' (Ephesians 2:1-3) Yes, by Adam's failure to retain the dominion which God had given to him at his creation, every natural child of his race was sold into sin.

"But the universal sale of the human race by Adam is only one side of the picture. From time eternal God has planned for the salvation of man. His great love could not leave the creatures of His hand under the bondage of sin, 'having no hope, and without God in the world.' (Ephesians 2:12)

It must be recognized that the transgression of Adam required an atonement for the entire race regardless of any personal participation of his offspring. The law requires that all intelligent created beings be united to God through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and had it not been for Christ's redemptive act the entire race would have been born separated from God. But Christ was the 'Lamb slain from the foundations of the world,' (Revelation 13:8) and through faith in Him every member of Adam's family has had access to return to God. And those who have taken advantage of God's great provision, like Adam, have transmitted the benefits of their relation with God to their children.

"Now we must raise a point and make it clear. Just as the Holy Spirit was not an inherent element in human nature before Adam sinned, neither is the spirit of Satan an inherent element of fallen man. It is true that sinless Adam's nature was in perfect harmony with the Holy Spirit and also that fallen human nature is in perfect accord with the spirit of Satan, but neither one is an intrinsic part of man. To say that either of these spiritual beings are an actual part of man is to make a dicotomy of man and this is the error of dualism. It is to say that man does have a function that is not physical and it opens the possibility to believe that when man dies some part of him goes on living, which is to deify man.

"The second way in which man's harmony with God was changed was in the very organization and function of his nature. Because of the inseparable unity in the nature of man, itself, every action of man affects his entire nature.

Thus Adam's very nature was altered by sin. Originally Adam had holy flesh, meaning that all his appetites and passions were perfect and never in danger of leading him into sin; but they became perverted and unholy and man became sinful by nature.

"What does it mean to have a sinful human nature? It means to have a human body with the effects of sin upon it. It does not necessarily include an incorporation of the spirit of Satan in man. This we will agree to if we agree that the sum total of man's nature is contained in his body and that neither the Holy Spirit nor the spirit of Satan is a part of human nature.

"Of recent years there has been much discussion as to whether Christ took the nature of man as it was before or after the fall. Did He take sinful human nature? He did if He took a real human body with the effects of sin upon it, and this we may be very clear in showing that He did.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh.... (John 1:1,14)

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. (Romans 1:3)

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;...For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren. (Hebrews 2:14,16,17)

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. (Romans 8:3)

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me. (Hebrews 10:5)

"What kind of a body did Jesus have prepared for Him? Was it a body such as Adam had before his fall, or was it affected by sin as is the body of every other child of Adam? There is no doubt but that His body was affected by four thousand years of sin, 'even as children are partakers of flesh and blood.'

"All that a body means to you and to me it also meant

the same to Jesus. He became tired and thirsty. His appetites and biological drives were affected by His ancestry even as are ours. His human feelings were no more a safe guide to Him than are yours and mine to us. Yes, Jesus did take the sum total of fallen sinful human nature! This is so because the totality of human nature is contained in the human body.

"Was there no difference then between Christ and us? Yes, indeed there was! But it was not a human difference. Jesus was never separated from His Father, He was the second Adam, born with the fullness of the Holy Spirit, even as Adam was created with the fullness of the Spirit in him.

"We are born in need of atonement; but Christ was born the Atonement. The Father never permitted the spirit of Satan to force his will in Christ as with those who are sold into sin. The Bible says, 'For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.' (Psalms 16:10) What is this corruption which Christ never experienced? It includes 'the corruption that is in the world through lust.' (2 Peter 1:4) Jesus never experience the desire for sin as do all other Adam's children. He never had a sinful propensity; but this was not because of a unique humanity, but because Satan did not have legal access to work in Him. Christ was equipped for the conflict by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and Satan could not crowd Him into sin. He could have chosen to sin, even as Adam could and did, but by continually choosing the power and will of God He 'abolished in his flesh the enmity.' (Ephesians 2:15)

"But did this not give Jesus an advantage which we may not have? NO! Jesus said, 'Ye must be born again.' (Matthew 3:7) And Paul wrote, 'therefore if any man be in Christ He is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.' (2 Corinthians 5:17)

"Jesus came to break the slavish bonds that hold men. 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.' (Isaiah 61:1)

"As Christ was born the Son of God and possessed the Spirit of God, so we through faith in Jesus partake of His personal relationship with His Father and thereby have access to the Holy Spirit even as did He. 'Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' (Acts 2:38) And, 'In

whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise.' (Ephesians 1:13)

"Jesus demonstrated once and for all that there is no excuse for sin. His life is an example for all who are willing to be under the control of the Holy Spirit as He was. He showed the type of character that all may develop in cooperation with God.

"Oh how Satan hates this truth! He knows that if Christians will just believe this with all their hearts that his power over them will be broken.

"We need to give more attention now to the Biblical concept of Christ, the second Adam. What is the significance of Christ being called 'the last Adam.' (1 Corinthians 15:47) Paul wrote: 'For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22) The entire gospel of Jesus Christ hinges upon his being qualified to be the second Adam, the federal head and legal representative of the human race. As all were separated from God in Adam, so by representation all were reunited to God in the second Adam.

"Now what was it that qualified Jesus to be the second Adam? To answer this question we must understand the legal requirements governing the qualifications for representation.

"First, a representative must be one of those of whom he represents. This is most forcefully demonstrated in what was required of Jesus to be the divine representative to the human race. God's Word says, 'For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.' (Colossians 2:9) For Christ to be God's representative He had to be in reality God; and for Him to be man's representative He had to be in reality man. And thus it was that in Him dwelt the fulness of the Godhead corporately and in Him dwelt the fulness of the human race corporately so that when these two distinct aspects of His divine-human person were brought together in the incarnation, there was reunion between God and man.

"In Christ every member of the human family is brought together with every member of the divine family by representation so that in Him we have atonement. That is why 'there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' (Acts 4:12) That is why His name is called 'Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.' (Matthew 1:23) As Paul expressed it, 'That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and

which are on earth; even in him.' (Ephesians 1:10)

"Now not only did Jesus have to be fully human in order to be man's representative, but in order for Him to be the representative for fallen humanity He had to take upon Himself fallen humanity, and it was primarily for this reason that Jesus was 'made like unto his brethren in all things... to make reconciliation...' (Hebrews 2:17)

"There is yet one more qualification which Christ had to meet in order to be accepted as the second Adam. To stand in Adam's place and redeem his failure to develop perfect character, Christ in His humanity must be as dependent upon outside help as was Adam. The plan of salvation depended upon Christ's personal divinity remaining absolutely inoperative throughout His conflict as a man. Had Christ used His own personal divine power even once, He could not have been the second Adam. We must see that the divine power which was constantly manifested throughout the life of Christ was not his own, but that of the Holy Spirit.

"We are Trinitarian and there is as clear a distinction between Christ's personal divinity and that of the Holy Spirit, who imparted divine power to Christ's humanity, as there is between the humanity of Adam and the Holy Spirit, which dwelt in him. It was for this reason that Jesus said, 'I can of mine own self do nothing.' (John 5:30)

"What a plan that divine wisdom alone could devise where by one divine-human representative could unite two alienated families, the family of heaven and the family of earth, that they might be reconciled together. That the righteousness of One might be accepted for all is more than we can fully understand, explain or deserve. We can only believe it and accept it because the Word of God says it.

"Many have feared that because of the sinfulness of their natures they could never gain the victory over sin. We must not fear, for Christ has gained the victory for every one and He freely offers His victory to all who will accept Him into their lives. He has overcome the flesh, and He desires above all things to live out His victory in us. We need not think that it is impossible to possess a sinless character in a sinful nature. Jesus has demonstrated that it is possible. Let us continually focus our attention upon what He has done for us.

"It surely means a lot to me that Jesus came in a body just like mine," declared Ellen, "and in flesh like mine He gained the victory. This is thrilling to learn. Now I'm sure that He can do it in me."

"But wait a minute, Ernest. We have always been taught that we were born guilty, with an evil, carnal nature and that as long as we are in the flesh we cannot overcome sin."

"This point which you have raised needs further clarification. Does man inherit condemnation? The Bible is remarkably clear in teaching that all men are born under condemnation. 'Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.' (Romans 5:18) The very heart of the gospel is bound up in the reason for why we are born under condemnation and how Christ could be justly condemned for our sins, being made our sin bearer.

"Again the holistic concept of man contains the key to understanding this mystery. Because man cannot be separated from his body, being an indivisible unit, every action and every thought becomes a part of his body. Every action, whether it is good or bad, works permanent changes upon human nature so that it is never the same again. Thus, even as you are what you eat, you are what you think. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Proverbs 23:7) And what you are, you transmit to your children, 'visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me..." (Exodus 20:5)

"The law of God not only requires holiness of character, but also wholeness of being, meaning physical and mental as well as spiritual health. This is most forcefully taught in the symbolism of the sanctuary service. The ceremonial laws governing uncleanness revealed that any deviation from perfect health was considered sin. Not only wrong acts were sin, but the results of sin required purification. The obvious conclusion to this symbolism is that all who are born with the effects of sin upon their bodies are born under condemnation.

"But what about Jesus Christ? Did He not take a body with the affects of sin upon it? Was He born under condemnation? The Bible says, 'But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.' (Galatians 4:4,5) We need to realize that to 'be under the law' means to be under the condemnation of the law.

"The prophet Isaiah wrote: 'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.' (Isaiah 53:6) How was our iniquity laid upon Christ? Was it merely imputed to Him at Calvary? Is Adam's guilt merely imputed to

his offspring? If we say yes to either of these two questions we portray the character and law of God to be arbitrary and unjust..

"Commenting on Isaiah's statement the apostle Peter wrote: 'Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...' (1 Peter 2:24) This reveals that the sins of the race were laid upon Christ in the human body which He took upon His divine self.

"In the sanctuary ritual there is deep significance in the priest's eating the flesh of the sacrifice. The victim, symbolically carrying the guilt of the sinner, was eaten by the priest where it became a part of him, thereby in type transferring the sin to the priest. The antitypical fulfillment of this shadow was met when Christ took upon Himself our sinful nature, becoming bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. Jesus was made sin for us by nature, bearing in His body the accumulated results of four thousand years of sin.

"There are those who say that the world's sins were not laid upon Christ until the cross. Such destroy the fulness of the gospel. Justification by faith includes more than the imputation of Christ's death, it also places His sinless living and victory over sin to the believer's credit. Justification embraces Jesus' standing as man's representative throughout His life, death, and resurrection.

"In order for all men to find justification full and complete in Christ, He had to be made like unto them in all things from the beginning of His life to its end. This is the basis for man's identification in and participation with Christ which is so strongly taught throughout the epistles of Paul. For example: 'And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power; In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in the putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him...' (Colossians 2:10) Not only at Calvary, but from the cradle to the cross and to the courts of glory we must be able to look to Jesus and find ourselves in Him.

"There are those who object to the thought that Christ took our sinful natures saying, 'If Christ took our sinful natures He too would have needed a saviour.' This is true, but not a true objection. It is the heart of the gospel, the anchor which secures our salvation. Paul writes, 'He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.' (2 Corinthians 5:21)

"The Lord Jesus Christ was made the recipient of the accumulated sins of the world, incorporated into the body which was prepared for Him. This was so that when the Father judged the humanity of Christ upon the cross He beheld your sins and mine in Him, and not only our's but the sins of the whole race; and beholding our sins in Him the Father condemned our sins in His flesh. This is what Paul was saying when he wrote, 'God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.' (Romans 8:3)

"It was a true saying, 'He saved others; himself he cannot save,' (Matthew 27:42) His great love would not let him save self.

"John identifies the denial of the completeness of Christ's humanity as the doctrine of the anti-christ. "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-christ..." (1 John 4:3)

"Through a comprehensive understanding of man and the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be seen that the law requires not only holiness of character but also wholeness of being. Sin and its result are alike condemned, displaying God's justice and mercy in condemning our nature yet voluntarily providing the Substitute who took upon Himself our condemned nature and suffered God's wrath on our behalf that we might be justified on His behalf.

"It is by understanding how to identify ourselves in Christ and participate in His life by faith that the power of sin is broken in our lives. The one who sees himself in Christ may say with Paul, 'I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.' (Galatians 2:20)

"It is by knowing that we are crucified with Christ that the power of sin is broken. 'Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed that hence forth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.' (Romans 6:6,7)

"Do you desire sin's power to be broken in your life? Paul tells you, 'Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' (Romans 6:11) There are unlimited supplies of divine power available to every child of Adam in the thought that 'ye are dead.' (Colossians 3:3)

"Paul calls this power, 'the power of his resurrection.' In other words it is resurrection power, or power to come

alive. 'I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection. (Philippians 3:8-10)

"Friend, would you like to know Him and the power of His resurrection? Then you must know how to find yourself in Him as did Paul. He had to count everything that he had ever done as nothing better than dung. Then turning with loathing from his own filthy righteousness, the apostle found himself in Christ's humanity, and identifying himself in Christ, he was enabled to know Him and the power of His resurrection.

"When we finally see ourselves as we really are and see Jesus as He really is, then we shall recognize that He is the One altogether lovely. Then we will see nothing in ourselves of which to boast, but will find our only grounds for self-respect in Jesus.

"If the cross of Jesus Christ is nothing more to us than the greatest example of self-denial this universe has ever known, then it merely stands to condemn us; for who can look to himself and be satisfied with his own performance when it is contrasted to that of Christ's on Calvary?

"No, the cross is not just the supreme example of selflessness. It is infinitely more! It is the power of God unto salvation. As Paul wrote: 'For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.' (1 Corinthians 1:18) When we understand what this verse means we will say with the champion of the gospel, 'But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.' (Galatians 6:14)

"To those who have come to understand the science of the cross, it is the gravemarker where their old man was crucified and buried. Let us see that the supreme truth is that Jesus was made like unto His brethren in all things to 'make reconciliation for the sins of the people.' (Hebrews 2:17)

"When one sees himself as a great sinner, Jesus truly becomes a great savior," observed Ron.

"He surely does, and especially when we realize how closely he has identified himself with us," said John. "I was reading a verse in Psalms that is a prophecy of what felt on the cross as he bore not only our sin but our sinful

natures and crucified them, condemning sin in the flesh. He cried out, 'I am a worm, (or snake) and no man, a reproach of men and despised of the people. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint, my heart is like wax, it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd. (Psalms 22:6,14,15)

"I am now beginning to understand why Jesus said, 'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.' (John 3:14)

"That old carnal nature of ours comes from Satan, the serpent, and it had to be crucified and put to death. Jesus actually took the devil's place, who should have died on that cross, as the originator of sin, along with us. But Jesus took the blame as our Father for all that the detestable old serpent had caused us to do. He took what we deserve so that we can have what he deserves."

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THE FALL OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Satan Triumphant

"Ernest, I have an uncomfortable feeling that our Catholic faith is involved in a tremendous amount of these customs of paganism and Satanic doctrines that we have been talking about. I can't understand this. How did they get so far away from the Bible?" began John.

"Well, friends, your fears may be justified because we now have arrived at the point where we must see how the church apostatized and fell back into paganism, leaving the truths that Jesus had given in the beginning. It is a heart-breaking story."

"While the disciples of Christ lived, the gospel went with great power until every then known country had been given the good news of a Savior. However, even while they were still alive, Satan was very active in trying to cause the Jewish Christians to revert back to the Salvation by works of the Sadducees and Pharisees or for the Gentile Christians to revert back to their pagan idolatry. God showed the great apostle Paul what was to come and he wrote in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11;

Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.

"The gentiles, who had accepted christianity, had been sunworshippers. Mithraism was the main pagan religion in the Roman empire. Mithraism had all the basic doctrines of Satanism and most of the customs including the worship of the sun or Sunday.

"The Roman emperors were titled 'Pontifex Maximus,' meaning the chief bridge builder or mediator between God and man. They were considered divine sons of the sun-god and infallible, just as their Greek, Persian and Babylonian emperors before them.



"When the Christians preached Christ as the only true Son of God and that all others were false, this, of course, enraged the emperors and brought on great persecution of the Christians. Many were burned at the stake or thrown to the lions in the great Roman Coliseum. Many Christians spent their lives hiding in the catacombs under the city of Rome, which still exist today.

"However, the more they persecuted the Christians, the more they grew and by the time Constantine came along, Mithraism had become so degenerated and vile that it was disrespected and Christianity was the only vital growing religion in his empire.

"During this time the Jews had, for their fanaticism, become very despised by all other nationalities, and no one wanted to be like them. This anti-Jewish sentiment led many Christians to try to avoid being identified with the Jews who kept God's Sabbath, while the rest of the world kept Sunday in honor of the sun-god. Thus, we find very soon after the disciples time, early Christians with pagan background began to observe Sunday in honor of Christ's resurrection, even though He had never commanded them to do so.

"When Constantine became emperor, one of the first things he did was to make the first 'blue law' of Sunday law, on March 7, 321 A.D., which said,

All judges and city people and the craftsmen shall rest upon the venerable day of the sun...

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"Although he was an ardent sunworshipper and considered himself the Son of the Sungod, he was also a wise politician. He observed that persecuting the Christians only augmented their number. If force didn't work to destroy their faith perhaps deception would work better. Furthermore, the Teutonic tribes were attacking his empire and he would need the help of the numerous Christians to repel them.

"Mithraism had become decadent and he needed the alliance of this strong force of christianity so he developed a clever and devilish plan. He claimed to have had a vision of the cross of Christ, and that he had decided to become a christian. Because he was considered as a god to his subjects, and had absolute power, he could command all of his government employees and armies to become christians, too. The sudden release from persecution and the flattery of having the emperor and all the heads of state become christians was over whelming to the Christian leaders of the church and the majority accepted these new converts with open arms, without realizing the tremendous danger this would pose.

"The most talented leaders of the empire were now members of the church and naturally they soon were given leadership positions and soon gained control of the church, especially in Rome. Constantine had his armies baptized by walking them through a river. He had them duck down under the water and declared them baptized. However, he had told them to keep their right arm out of the water, which held the sword, because he didn't want to lose the power of the sword in his efforts to hold the empire together. Christians did not believe in killing and knowing this Constantine did not want that right hand baptized. This gives one the idea of the profundity of his conversion and the probability of the true conversion of the government leaders even less likely.

"Now Satan could degenerate the church with all his pagan doctrines and customs which would so corrupt the church that it would be nothing more than baptized paganism, with a slightly different christianized name put on it.

"Of course, many Christian leaders opposed what took place, but Satan uses force and so quickly the church changed from her lamb-like characteristics to a roaring lion, forcing all to follow her traditions and decisions even though contrary to the Bible teachings. Those who opposed these changes, brought into the church, were called heretics or 'protestants,' because they protested against paganism being introduced.

Alfred Baudrillart, rector of the Catholic Institute of Paris makes the following amazing admission in his book, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE RENAISSANCE AND PROTESTANTISM, pp. 182, 183;

When confronted by heresy, she does not content herself with persuasion; arguments of an intellectual and moral order appear to her insufficient, and she has recourse to FORCE, TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, TO TORTURE. She creates tribunals like those of the Inquisition, she calls the laws of state to her aid, if necessary she encourages a crusade, or a religious war, and all her 'horror of blood' practically culminates into urging the secular power to shed it, which proceeding is almost more odious-for it is less frank-than shedding it herself. Especially did she act thus in the sixteenth century with regard to Protestants.



"In the government palace in Guatemala, there is a great mural painted of the Spaniards attacking the Mayan Indians, trying to conquer them and enslave them. Behind the soldiers can be seen the Catholic priests carrying their crosses and egging on the soldiers, as once conquered and enslaved they could force them to join the church. We have observed, in Chichicastenango, the Indians who to this day, go in to the Mass and then in the same courtyard, sacrifice chickens to their heathen gods. A mingling of opposites, where their minds have not been changed.

"In Antigua one will find 70 huge cathedrals which were constructed by slave labor, to the honor and glory of God???"
(Pizzaro priest torturing Inca king)

"Actually, during the dark ages and inquisition, historians estimate between 50 to 150 million people were martyred for their faith. As one historian says:

That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any institution that has ever existed among mankind will be questioned by no protestant who has a complete knowledge of history. (Wm. Lecky, HISTORY OF THE RISE AND INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF RATIONALISM IN EUROPE, V. 2, p. 35)

"But why would Christians do such a thing?" asked John.

"It was from a perverted concept of God. You will do what you think God would do. If you worship a vindictive God that loves bloodshed and forces people to follow him, then you will try to force people, also. So what Satan did was to cause the people to adopt the pagan concepts of God. Soon they were persecuting with Satanic fury just as do all those who adopt his twisted dualistic concepts of a god who is both good and evil.

"How important it is that we be totally convinced that our God never forces anyone but always preserves one's freedom to choose. He is GOOD, the lifegiver, not the destroyer. All suffering, sickness and destruction are instruments of Satan. He is such a vicious murderer he cannot control himself. The moment God takes away His protection from any being, because the person no longer wants it, Satan will murder him, and if he is not permitted to kill him he will afflict him with sickness or some other disaster.

"Often times we get the idea that God does this but if you will read Job 1 carefully, you will see that all evil comes from Satan. God only removes His protection. However He takes the responsibility so that we can always know that He is in control. Jesus said Satan was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth. He is a liar and the father of it. There again we see revealed Satan's two special tools, force and deceit."

"It seems so unfair that Satan can use two very powerful motivators that God cannot use," said Ron.

"Would you want him to use them, Ron?" questioned Ernest

"No, because then he wouldn't be our Holy God. But I just cannot grasp his incredible patience and humility to, in a sense, lose in the battle for souls over and over again.

"Ron, God will not compete. He could easily beat Satan hands down, with His power, but He wants us to choose without exerting any kind of pressure. He only draws us with love.

"Satan loves to cause you to think that God would enjoy torturing you in hell for eternity so he managed to get his immortality of the soul doctrine, with it's accompanying false teaching of purgatory and eternal suffering in hell, into the church. This soon brought about the communication with departed saints called, mysticism. This is nothing more than spiritism or the Bible condemned necromancy, -- communication with the dead.

"In J.L. McKenzie's book THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,

(N.Y.Holt, Rinehart and Winston, pp. 235, 236) we find:

Most MYSTICS experience one or several apparitions of Jesus Christ...The message may direct that a new devotion be instituted: thus the institution of the festival of Corpus Christi, the devotions of the Sacred Heart, the Rosary, the Scapular and several others are credited to mystical revelations.

"These have been accepted as a part of the tradition of the church even though directly disobeying the instructions of the Bible, not to make graven images and to avoid the 'vain repetitions of the heathen.' (See Exodus 20:4-6 and Matthew 6:7) God says 'to the law and the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, there is no light in them.' (Isaiah 8:20)

"It goes on to say: 'Marian apparitions are even more characteristically Roman Catholic than Christocentric apparitions.' This is an extremely important admission.

"According to the Bible, the dead are in the grave asleep and unconscious, which would include Mary. With whom then are they communicating, to receive these new teachings and traditions? Thus when the church gave up the protection of judging everything by the Bible, they opened themselves up to direct revelations from Satan! Now we see the doctrines of devils sweeping into the church like a tide.

"Of all the feast days of paganism accepted by the christian church, perhaps Halloween or All Saints Day (or All Souls Day), the day of demon worship, was the most terrible. To this very day, parents unwittingly glorify Satan by dressing thier children up as spooks or ghosts, witches, devils, etc., to go out Trick or Treating, not realizing that they are carrying on an ancient tradition that on this day the spirits of the dead came out of the graves or hell to demand favors of the people. If the people did not respond, they were jinxed! This is still believed by the devil worshippers of Kurdistan.

Now do we see the connection of spiritism and saint-worship and praying to the saints? The Bible makes clear that the dead are asleep and know nothing. To try to pray to them is to try to communicate with the dead. Pure spiritism!

The NEW CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA, Vol 4 p. 41 says:

We believe in the communion of saints and believe

that such has reference not only to the living but to the departed as well, a mutual sharing in help, satisfaction, ... a mutual communication.

"No wonder Halloween was called All Saints Day! 'And when they say to you, Consult mediums and wizards...should not a people seek unto their God. Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?' (Isaiah 8:19) Let us pray to the Living God, not to dead saints. How Satan wants to detract us from God! even in our prayers.

MARIOLATRY

"Mariolatry, which is nothing more than the worship of Semiramus or Ishtar, with a christian name on it, became very powerful, as will be noted by the quotation above, that the apparitions of Mary were more Roman Catholic than those of Christ. Here we see Mary taking the place of Jesus in their worship. While we respect Mary as the mother of the son of man, Jesus Christ, which gave him his human nature, it is pure blasphemy to say that she is the mother of his divine-nature or 'Mother of God.' This title was given her by the council of Ephesus in 431 A.D."



Mother and child image similar to those of paganism

"This makes her greater than God," observed Ellen.

"Right you are," said Ernest. "The teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate or in other words without a sinful nature, you can find in all Catholic catechisms. This not only makes her different and separate from us, but separates Jesus from us, also.

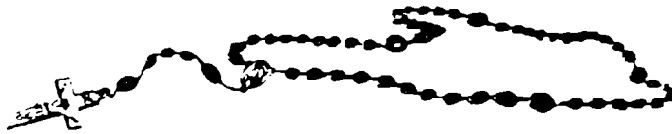
"The doctrine that He did not take our fallen natures or the human flesh of fallen man, was one of the earliest heresys. John called it the doctrine of antichrist in 1 John 4:1-3. He also says, 'If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us.' (1 John 1:10) Paul declares that 'all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.' Mary recognized Jesus as her Savior, also. 'My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.' (Luke 1:47)

"Mary was also given the title 'Queen of Heaven,' the exact same title that Semiramus, wife of Nimrod, the founder of sun or devil worship had taken 3,000 years before.



Jeremiah says in chapter 7:17-19 that Israel provoked God to anger by baking cakes to the queen of heaven. These were nothing more than the 'hot cross buns - a bun with a cross of frosting on it, eaten in the time of Lent.' I found this definition in the American College Dictionary. It is a devil-worshipping tradition still carried on by the Roman church to this very day.

"Another tradition connected with mariolatry is the repetitious prayers to her used with the rosary, which gives ten times as many prayers to Mary as to God the Father! Thus we see Mary worshipped more than God or as Paul stated it, 'changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man...and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator.' (Romans 1:24, 25)



Rosary with 10 Hail Marys' to 1 Our Father ratio

"Images of Mary occur more often than any other in the church and in the accompanying picture you can see the same mother-god idol even with the sun rays around it, as the pagans worshipped thousands of years before."

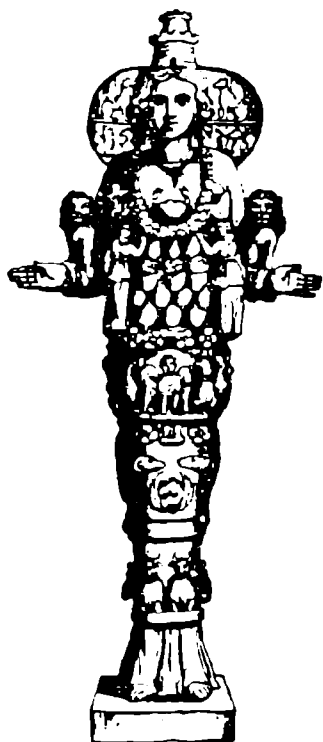


"Ernest, you're not down on Mary but on the wrong attitudes that were developed toward her, right?"

"Exactly, John. If she were alive today she would be horrified at the idolatry of her that has been brought in. She was one of the finest women who ever lived but still a sinner needing a Savior. Do you have a rosary?"

"Sure, but we don't use it any more."

"Well, rosaries are one of the oldest of pagan customs of making prayer totally useless. Hyslop in THE TWO BABYLONS p. 187 declares the rosary to be 'of the highest antiquity, and almost universally found in pagan nations. The rosary



was used as a sacred instrument among the ancient Mexicans, Brahmins of Hindustan.. Tartar religion of the Lamas, in Greece. as may be seen from the image of the Ephesian Diana.' How sad that these dear people pray mainly to a dead woman who awaits the resurrection, rather than a living Christ."

"Can you imagine how frustrating it must be to our intelligent God to have to listen to the people mouth these prayers over and over instead of talking to him as a friend and Father?" mused Ron.

"This last item of thousands of traditions of Mariolatry that we shall mention is Easter itself. Where in the name of reason does an egg-laying rabbit connect with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ? There is no connection, but there is a great deal of comparison with the immoral goddess of fertility, called Semiramus, Diana, Venus and East Star, Easter or Ashtoreth as she is called in the Bible. Eth in Hebrew means shame and she was a shameful woman.



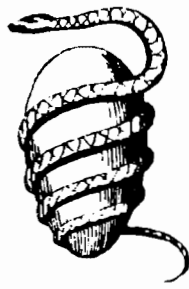
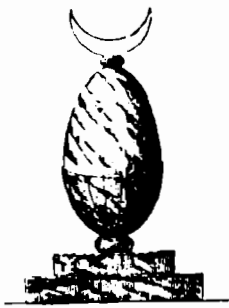
"Hyginus, the learned keeper of the ancient Palatine library at Rome reveals in his book *FABULAE* p. 148, the origin of the egg myth.

An egg of wondrous size is said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves having settled on it and hatched it, out came Venus, who afterwards was called the Syrian goddess that is Ashtarte. Hence the egg became one of the symbols of Astarte or Easter. This gave her divine origin.



The original easter egg

"The rabbit, of course, is an animal that reproduces itself very rapidly so this became a symbol of her also, as the goddess of fertility. Notice the picture of here with breasts all



Sacred Egg of Hecate and Typhon's Egg. From BRYAN
Mythology, vol. III, p. 62.



Easter sunrise service on
high hill

the day of the goddess of fertility which originally was 40 days after the vernal equinox. It's connection with sunworship is clearly seen by the 40 days of Lent for which there is utterly no reason in the Bible, but was observed by all pagan religions in connection with their worship of Tammuz, god of vegetation.

"Sadly, Mariolatry was only the beginning of the apostasy that came into the church.

over her body indicating her fecundity. Our modern day worship of naked women is nothing new!

"On Easter's day all the people went up to a high place to catch the first rays of the sun as it came up in the morning. Today we find even Protestants as well as Catholics joining in Easter sunrise services with no idea from this custom comes. Jesus, according to scripture, was resurrected well before sunrise and did not ask us to keep any day in honor of his resurrection as the Sabbath is the memorial to all of His creative acts. Furthermore, baptism was given in Romans 6:1-3 and is clearly declared to be the new testament commemorative service of the resurrection of our Lord.

"Satan is determined to put his traditions in as substitutes for God's commandments. Thus

BABY BAPTISM

"The pagans had a rite called An Savarti in which they sprinkled holy water, made with certain ceremonial herbs, a burning candle dashed into it, representing the presence of the sun-god and finally the priest spat in it to make it extra holy. A drop of this was placed on the forehead of a newborn child. Then the pagan priest breathed into his nostrils three times supposedly giving him an immortal soul. Without this service it was considered that the child could not live in the after life.



"From this pagan custom developed baby christening by sprinkling and the superstition that if the baby was not so baptized he could never go to heaven nor even be buried in a consecrated cemetery. Nowhere in the Bible do you find babies or small children being baptized but only adults and never sprinkled but immersed. Jesus was baptized at the age of thirty by immersion in the river Jordan for that reason

the Bible says, 'and Jesus, when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water. (Matthew 3:16)

"The Greek root of baptism is baptō which is a verb meaning to immerse. Romans 6:3-5 clearly backs up this concept.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.'

"In Ephesians 5 Paul symbolizes the relationship of man and wife as the relationship of Christ with His church and he says, speaking of the church, 'that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.' Here we see that baptism is symbolized as the marriage ceremony where 'as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27) A total union with Him symbolizing our acceptance of His death, burial and resurrection for us and that we are willing to die to self and be raised to a new life in Him. (Romans 6:6,7)

"How is it possible for a baby to be baptized any more than to be married to someone? We in this country are revolted by the child-marriages we see practiced in pagan countries. Why? Because we believe that the person must have the right to choose to whom he would be married. In the same way Jesus wants us to choose to be married to him in baptism, not forced into a relationship that we do not want as helpless babies.

"It is correct for parents to dedicate their little ones even as Jesus was dedicated by his parents in the temple.

Dedication is the parents part; promising to do all they can to raise the child in the way that will persuade him to choose to serve God when he becomes an adult. But just as the parents do not force the child in babyhood to be married to some one, neither do they force him to accept their God. He is always given the free choice.

"Actually, there are four requisites given in the Bible for baptism, not one of these can a baby fulfill.

1. Believe and be baptized,
Mark 16:16,
2. Repent and be baptized,
Acts 2:38,
3. Die to self in baptism,
Romans 6:6,7,
4. Be taught all things whatsoever Christ has
commanded,
Matthew 28:19

"Only an adult with understanding can fulfill these requirements. The fathers are responsible for their children until they reach the age of accountability, and God has promised to save our children. (Isaiah 49:15) Of course, after they can make their own decisions, they become directly responsible to God. In any case it is not the act of baptism that saves anyone but the relationship with Christ that it symbolizes.

"Ron, if we have children, I surely want to give them the privilege of choosing Jesus and being baptized as He was by immersion. How do you feel about that?" questioned Ellen.

"It seems like the only correct way to me, but I certainly would want to do our part by dedicating them to God's service when they are babies and doing everything possible to raise them right."

"Wouldn't it bring much more joy to see one's child choose to serve God on his own and really know what he is doing when he is baptized?" questioned John. "But Ernest, what about us? We were all baptized as babies into the church. Do you think we should be baptized again?"

"John it doesn't matter what I think. I suggest that you study and pray about it and let God, through His Word and the impressions of the Holy Spirit guide you. But now would you like to know how image worship started?"

IMAGE WORSHIP, RELICS, CELIBACY

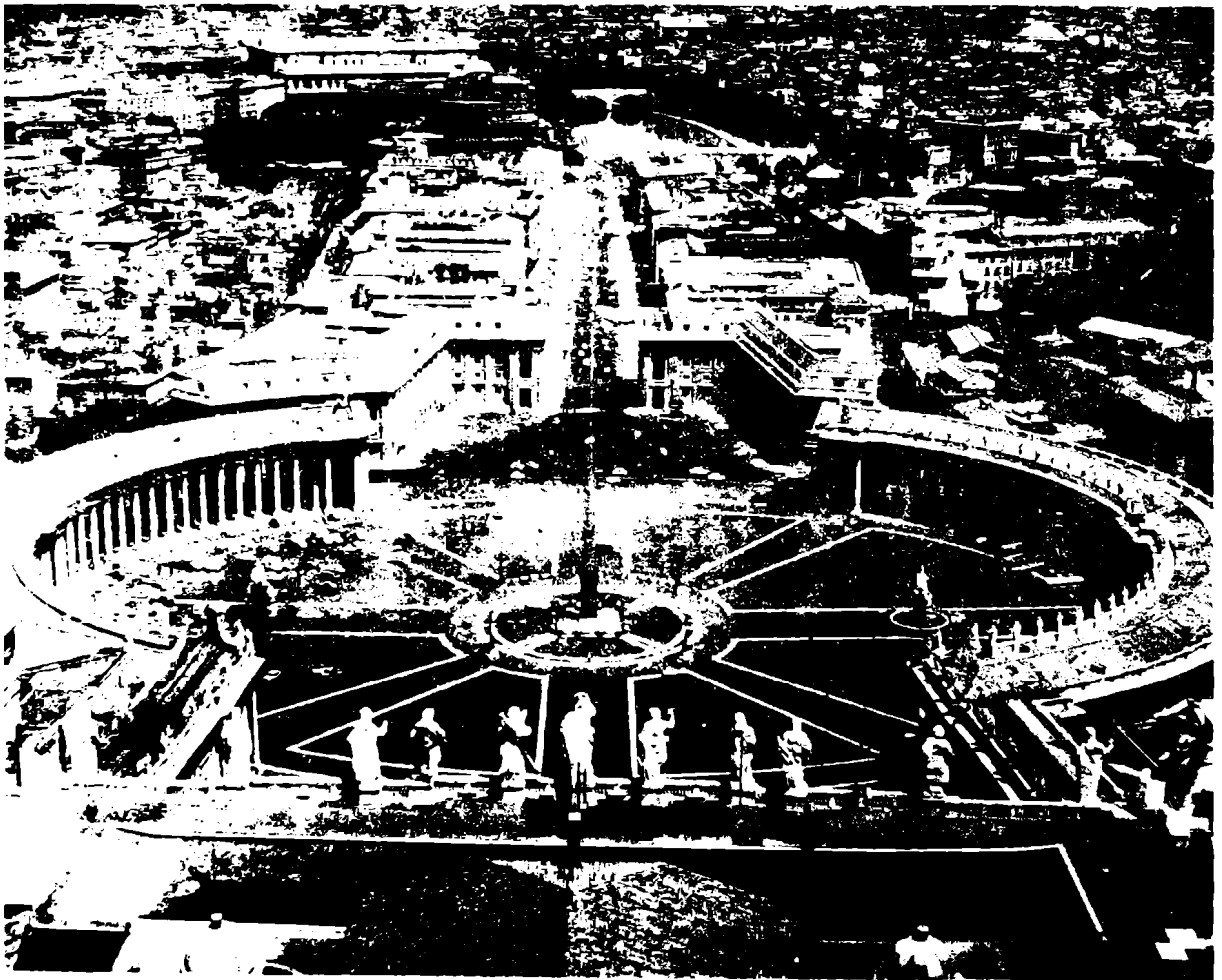
"In the second commandment in Exodus 30:4-6 God specifically prohibits the making of idols or their worship, yet we find that when the pagans came into the church, they quickly set up their idols giving them christian names like John for Neptune, Peter for Jupiter, Mary for Diana or Easter for Venus and then started venerating them. In the book ANCIENT MONUMENTS OF ROME p. 79, you will find that the present idol of St. Peter in St. Peter's Cathedral was actually a statue of Jupiter, another name for Nimrod!



"In the accompanying photo Pope John XXIII is about to kiss the toe of Jupiter which is an act of worship directly prohibited by the Bible. In Elijah's day multitudes kissed Baal, the sun-god, (1 King 19:18) as they bowed down to him just as they did this sin in the sight of God in the time of Hosea. (13:1-3) The toe of St. Peter (Jupiter) has been kissed so many times by Catholic adherents that it has been worn down considerably. We are sure these sincere people have no idea that this type of adoration comes directly from the worship of the sun-god Jupiter, actually Satan, himself!

"Around the St. Peters square there are literally hundreds of idols of so-called saints, many of them originally pagan gods worshipped in the name of god directly prohibiting it. As one views the square of St. Peters he sees something most interesting, a huge obelisk right in the center. It is 32 feet high and weighs 320 tons. It was brought there directly from Heliopolis, Egypt where it was worshipped as a phallic sun-sex symbol.

"The historian, Diodorus, says that Nimrods' wife, Semiramus, erected the first known obelisk, 30 feet high at Babylon, according to the *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIONS*, Vol 3, p. 264. As she led the people in worshipping the sexual organs as originators of life, this of couse, led to the horrible homo-sexual perversions. What a shock to find this in front of Saint Peters!



"In connection with this, came the doctrine of celibate priests and nuns. This was a carry over from the pagan temples where the priest and nuns were prohibited to marry so as to carry on these perverted sun-sex rites in thier dedication to the sun-god.



"The Buddhists still have both nuns and celibate priests while the Bible says that a bishop should be the husband of one wife! (1 Timothy 3:2) I don't think I need to tell you of the horrible infanticide this doctrine has caused

CRISTUS UNVEILED by Blavatsky, p. 210 says that a convent fish pond at Rome was drained by order of Pope Gregory and 6,000 infant skulls found. Similar findings were reported at the burnery in Neuburg, Austria and in Italy.

Timothy 3:2 calls 'forbidding to marry' a doctrine of the Devil.

"Durant, in WORLD'S WORSHIP, Vol. 6, p. 21, tells us that 'when Pope Paul V sought the suppression of the licensed brothels in the 'Holy City' the Roman Senate petitioned against carrying his design into effect on the ground that the existence of such places was the only means of hindering the priests from seducing their wives and daughters!'



"That this seduction has taken place in connection with the confessional in untold thousands of cases cannot be denied. Says Woodrow:

In the confessional young girls and women confess their moral weaknesses and desires, and often unmarried priests have thus chosen their victims. A full account of such corruption in connection with the confessional, along with actual cases, is given in a book written by an ex-priest, himself, entitled CRIME AND IMMORALITY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH by Emmett LmLoughlin, p. 122,

"Again, we find that the originator of confessing to a priest was established by none other than Semiramus as part of the sunworship mysteries!, according to THE GREATNESS THAT WAS BABYLON, p. 268. by Saggs.

"Relic worship is only another part of idolatry and superstition which leads to the ridiculous and turns thinking people away from God and his church. They feel revulsion for such practices. In the book THE OTHER SIDE OF ROME, by Wilder, p. 33, we are told that the Tabernacle of Mary Magdalene claims to have the towel Jesus used to wipe the disciples feet, the napkin that covered his face in the tomb, Mary's veil and some of her clothes, as well as a bottle of the virgin's milk.

"The churches in Apte, France and Lyons claimed to have her body while Treir, Turne and Tuinge all claimed to have her head! Almost as ridiculous as the church Luther went into that supposedly had Peter's skull when he was a baby!

"I certainly am not trying to make fun of anyone, nor would I bring up these things except to help you see what the Evil One has been able to do to the christian church in the past so that we may be warned and not fall into the same snare. Do you see and grasp the underlying principle in all of this?"

"I believe so, Ernest. It's the same as Satan did in the beginning, he mixed good and evil or mingled them together. In what we have studied I see the conjunction of opposites, God's truth and doctrines being brought together with pagan doctrines. I'm sure these early christian leaders were deceived into thinking that they were producing something superior by mingling the two religions. They no doubt thought they would gain the pagans for christianity more easily but what actually happened was that the pagans gained them by just putting christian names on pagan customs and concepts until the church actually became pagan," declared Ron.

"Now I see why God's call to separate from evil, 'come out from among them and be ye separate' (2 Corinthinas 6: 16-18) is not a narrow attitude, but is the only possible way to avoid compromise. God will not compromise one iota with sin and we must not either," added John.

"It seems to me," observed Ellen, "that Satan tries to warp our concept of the character of God in so many ways. He tries to limit God by making us think that some idol or relic is God. Then he attributes to Him grotesque characteristics of animals and immorality, animalizing God and making Him arbitrary and desirous of forcing people; of being vindictive and hateful."

"That is exactly right, Ellen, and whatever we believe are the characteristics of God, we will imitate. Thus, if you worship an immoral god who is vindictive and hateful, you will act in the same way. Jesus came to reveal the true character of the Father so we would be like Him."

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN
POPES, MEDIATORS AND MASSES

"Tonight, we shall finish the sad history of the fall of the Christian Church," began Ernest.

"But where do the popes fit into all this," asked John.

"As we have seen, the teachings and customs of paganism entering the Christian Church one by one, we would naturally suspect Satan to set up his direct representative to be worshipped, the Son of the sun-god or Pontifex Maximus. When Constantine moved his capitol to Constantinople, he left the Bishop of Rome in charge of the 'Eternal City' and gave him armies to protect it and to rule Italy. However, three marauding tribes tried to frustrate his taking full rule.

"First, there came the invasion of the Vandals, then the Ostrogoths and finally the Heruli, according to historians. As the Bishop of Rome was able to eject each one of these marauders, his political power and prestige grew.

"In 536 A.D. the emperor, Justinian declared the Bishop of Rome to be head or 'papa' over all the churches. In 538 A.D. the pope vanquished the Heruli and then became king, priest and prophet. King over Italy and first priest and Seer or prophet over all the reorganized christian world.

"Up to this time the Roman Ceasar, who was considered the Son of the sun-god, had been the only Pontifex Maximus. Here you can see an old Roman coin with the picture of Ceasar and his name on the left side and Pontifex Maximus inscribed on the right side.



"Very soon this title was applied to the pope and he holds it to this day and is constantly referred to as the chief 'pontiff' by the press.

"Leo X had his picture with this title struck on a medal.



"When Jesus was on earth, he was and still is the 'head of the church,' and Peter, himself, called him 'the chief cornerstone.' (1Peter 2:6) In Matthew 16:17, 18, Jesus had compared Peter (Petros in the Greek meaning a small stone that could be kicked around) but then he had said upon this rock (Petra, huge solid cliff of

rock, referring to Himself) I will build my church.' Paul clearly said, 'and that rock was Christ.' (1 Corinthians 4) Unfortunately many have misunderstood that passage to think that Jesus had founded his church on Peter. What a weak foundation that would have been. A few minutes later Jesus had to say to Peter, who was remonstrating with him going to the cross, 'Get thee behind me Satan!' Thank God His church is not founded on any finite man but on Jesus, Rock of Ages.

"As time went on, the unconverted pagans, who had come into the church, began to attribute to the pope all the positions and powers of their old sun-god, Satan, himself. In the book PAGANISM IN OUR CHRISTIANITY, p. 145, Weigall states that in Mithraism, the head priest was called the PATER or the Father of the Fathers, which title the pope quickly incorporated as his own in spite of the direct command by Jesus in Matthew 23:9, 'and call no man your father (speak spiritually) upon earth: for one is your Father, which is heaven.'

"But now the pope had also taken the title Vicar of Christ, or meaning 'in place of Christ.' So the pope took God's place, just as the sun-god had done thousands of years before him. He was soon claiming all of God's characteristics and powers, including the power to forgive sin, infallibility, as we shall see revealed in the mass, the power to create! This was as Nimrod had done, including claiming that his sexual organs were the fountain of life!



"When the Egyptian Pharaoh (meaning son of the sun-god) was carried on his pallerquin on the shoulders of his soldiers, he was worshipped as God and held Nimrod's cross in his hand, showing the power of authority of rulership. Well, he had the Fans of Bacchus called Fasces, which indicated the presence of the Holy Spirit of the sun-god always accompanying him.

"Now notice this other Egyptian God carrying his cross with the sun over his head. His horns indicate power and the bird's head is again, a sign of the spirit of the sun-god.



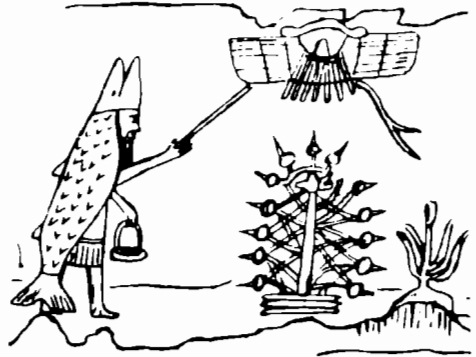
"Now read this incredible statement from the ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, Vol 22 Art. Pope, p. 81:

When going to solemn ceremonies, (the pope) is carried on the sedia, a portable chair of red velvet with a high back, and escorted by two favelli of feathers.



Here you see him just as the article says; an exact adaptation of his predecessor, the sun-god.

The Philistines worshipped Dagon, the fish-god. The reason being that as their sun-god went down behind the horizon each evening, it seemed to go into the Mediterranean Sea, so they presumed that he became a fish and swam under the world to come up into the sky the next morning.



Here we see a drawing of the fish-god, - actually a man with the body of a fish over his head and shoulders, - the gaping mouth open above his head. Now surely no one would see such a thing as that today! But look closely at this picture and you will see the pope wearing the gaping mouth mitre of the fish-god!

"Notice this Assyrian sun-god with his identical mitre, and wings indicating divinity. How we are reminded of him who said, 'and I will exalt my throne above the stars of God,...I will be like God!' Isaiah 14:13,14.

"Ernest, I just can't believe all this could have happened," exclaimed Ron. "How could any man dare to make these claims and still claim to be a christian while following the identical customs of paganism?"

"You haven't heard it all yet, Ron. Hyslop tells us that:



The college of cardinals, with the pope as its head is just the counter part of the Pagan College of Pontiffs, with its PONTIFEX MAXIMUS OR SOVEREIGN PONTIFF, which has existed in Rome from the earliest times,...the pope fell heir to the two keys that were the symbols of two well-known pagan divinities in Rome. Janus bore a key and Cybele arms as the ensigns of their spiritual authority.
(TWO BABYLONS pp. 206, 207)



"Now notice the claims that the pope and all priests make in the Eucharist or mass:

Marvelous dignity of the priests! exclaims Augustine. In the hands as in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, the Son of God becomes incarnate...Behold the power of the priest! It is more than creating the world (emphasis mine)... God obeys him. The blessed Virgin can not make her divine son descend into the host. A PRIEST CAN, HOWEVER SIMPLE HE MAY BE. (H. Convert quoting from the blessed writings of J.M. Vianney, Catholic Priest, in EUCHARISTIC MEDITATIONS, pp. 111 112)



THE PRIEST HOLDS THE PLACE OF THE SAVIOR HIMSELF...To pardon a single sin requires all the omnipotence of God...But what only God can do by His omnipotence, the priest also can do. (Alphonsus de Liguori, in DIGNITY AND DUTIES OF PRIESTS, pp. 26-33)

"Innocent III has written:

Indeed, it is not too much to say that in view of the sublimity of their offices the priests are so many gods. (Emphasis mine)

But our wonder should be far greater when we find that in obedience to the words of His priests - HOC EST CORPUS MEUM (this is my body) God, himself, descend on the altar,...He remains entirely at their disposal; they move Him as they please,... they may, if they choose, eat His flesh and give Him for food to others... IBID"

"The word blasphemy means to claim God's powers. Ernest, I was reading again in 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 that which you pointed out to us. Now I can see that the pope fulfills this prophecy exactly.

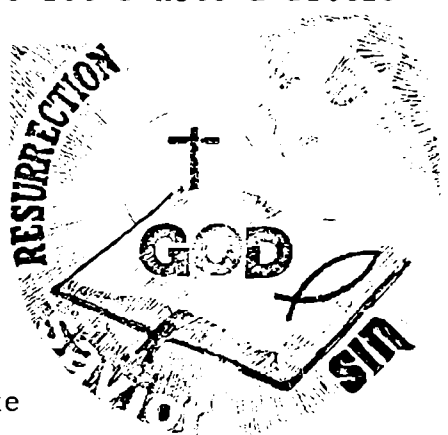
Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

"Exactly, John, and you will find a similar prophecy in Daniel seven but before we go there let's note a little more about the Eucharist.

"In the first place, who is the real mediator between God and man?"

"I know," said John eagerly. "I found a terrific passage in Hebrews 7:25-28.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.



Furthermore, in 1 Timothy 2:5 it says, 'For there is one

God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

"Fantastic, John, it really thrills me to see the way you folks are studying and how God is illuminating your minds even before we can study these things."

"Look here," said Ron, who had continued to read in Hebrews. "It says, 'We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle.' To me that makes it really clear that it is to Jesus in heaven that we should pray for forgiveness, not to any man on this earth."

"Right again Ron."

"But wait a minute," said Ellen, "It says here that Jesus died only once for us."

"Look at chapter 9:28 and chapter 10:10, Ellen," said Ernest. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, . . . by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.' That tells me that the sacrificing of Jesus over and over again in the mass is a denial of these passages which emphasizes the once, all sufficient sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for us."

"The continual sacrifice of Christ and literal eating of his flesh again comes from paganism. While it is true that Jesus said of the bread, 'This is my body' and of the wine, 'This is my blood.' It is clearly meant that they were symbols of his body and blood. The drinking of real blood is prohibited in the New Testament. (Acts 15:20) Jesus also said he was the water of life and the lamb of God; lion of the tribe of Judah, Lily of the Valley, etc. If we took these illustrations literally and believed he was literally water, lamb, lion and a flower, we would be into pure Pantheism! These are clearly understood as symbols."

"We already read the passage in Jeremiah of how Israel baked cakes to the queen of heaven or Semiramus or Ishtar. These cakes were round in the form of the sun and by certain incantations the pagan priest changed them into their gods and then ate them so as to become divine."

"You remember Baal Moloch and the Kahns of Baal or as Hyslop in TWO BABYLONS p. 232 spells it 'Cahna-baal' were the original human flesh eaters, who ate the sacrifice to their god, and thus we have the word cannibal. If you think carefully, and analyze the mass you must come to the con-

clusion that if the host is changed into the actual body of Christ, as they claim it to be, then the priest is making a human sacrifice and thus when the people eat the sacrifice they are eating human flesh, which is an act of cannibalism!

"The next question is why is the host in the perfectly round form of the sun-disk, in place of broken unleavened bread, that Jesus gave the disciples? The claim is that the priest actually changes this into Christ's body when he says 'hocus corpus meum' from which we get 'hocus pocus' by the way. In the worship of Latria he bows down and worships the god (wafer) which he has created!

"In the accompanying picture of an Assyrian monument, one man is bowing before a priest king and below a sun-image. The first man from the right is presenting an offering of round wafers marked with a cross on each one.



"The modern host in the mass always bears the same form and cross. Note that on the host there are three letters and three arrows. The letters are said to stand for Jesus Savior of man in Latin, however, originally the Egyptians used these same sun-disk wafers for their religious services. The IHS stands for their pagan trinity Isus (mother) Horeb (son) and Seb (father), according to BIBLE MYTHS by T.W. Doane, p. 351. The three arrows represent 666 as we demonstrated in chapter six. How sad that the church has permitted the evil one to place the Host, his symbol of the Sun-God in the place of the symbol Jesus gave of the broken bread.



"Actually, as we review the mass in all of its' aspects, we find this most sacred of all the services of the Roman Catholic church completely taken over by paganism."

"Here we see a priest worshipping the wafer as God in the worship of Latria after which he will eat it,



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Any disciple of Christ can conduct this service

Broken bread served representing broken body of Jesus

Same as instituted by Jesus (We believe the wine was unfermented grapejuice as fermentation is a symbol of sin in the Bible). Never worshipped.

Both bread and wine received as symbols of Christ's death for His people.

Simple prayer and blessing given over elements with an unpretentious service

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Only priest can conduct this service because they are considered the exclusive mediators between God and man.

Round wafer served unbroken, in form of the sun, with sign of cross and IHS embossed on it

Pagan customs mingled with Lord's Supper. Sacred symbols of blood and wine (still having alcoholic potential to make one drunk if he drank enough) claimed to now be actual blood and body of Christ and is worshipped as such.

Only bread given to communicants, wine not given for fear of spilling the 'blood of God' but the priest is required to drink so much that many have become alcoholics after conducting many masses. No wonder Rev. 18:3 says 'all nations have drunk of the wine of her wrath of her fornication

Long prayers chanted for living and dead with a most elaborate ritual and rites.

"The last mass that I should mention is Christmas. Practically every one knows that Jesus could not have been born on the 25th day of December because the shepherds were still out in the fields with their sheep. When winter comes in November, they always keep the sheep in their stables. The Bible does not give the date of Christ's birth but as near as we can calculate it must have been in October.

"God has one day which commemorates His creative works and that is the Sabbath, for that reason he has not given us another day to keep holy."

"Why then does the world observe Christmas," questioned Ellen.

"Because, Ellen, the pagans had a day called the birthday of the Sun or birthday of Tammuz. It was very simple

for the church to adopt this day and just call it the Birthday of the Son. You see the sun gets to its lowest ebb the 21st of December. Then on the 25th of December it starts to stay up longer, thus the sunworshipper considered it the birthday of the sun-god Tammuz. Certainly it is never wrong to remember the birth of Christ any time of the year but why not give to Him, rather than giving to each other?



"It is most interesting that the two times of the year that the merchants make their money is Christmas and Easter. Revelation 18:3 tells that 'the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her (Babylon's) delicacies!'

"Let us review all the doctrines of Satanism that were brought into Roman Catholicism from paganism.

BAALIM

1. The nativity of the sun the birth of Tammuz, Dec. 25.
2. The midsummer festival held June 24th.
3. The assumption of 'Semiramis who became the mother goddess.
4. The mother goddess worshipped as the Queen of heaven, Jer. 7:18
5. Cakes dedicated to the goddess with a 'T' drawn on it, Jer. 44: 17,19.
6. 40 days fasting for Tammuz, Ezekiel 8:14
7. The festival of Easter, Ezekiel 8:16
8. The resurrection of Tammuz at Easter and the procession of graven images during Holy Week.

CATHOLICISM

1. The nativity of Jesus, Christmas, Dec. 25.
2. The nativity of St. John held June 24th.
3. The assumption of Mary who became the mother of God.
4. The virgin Mary worshipped as the Queen of heaven.
5. Hot cross buns with a cross drawn on it.
6. 40 days of Lent.
7. The festival of Easter
8. The procession of graven images of Jesus, Mary and Peter during Holy Week.

9. Veneration of graven images of Baal, Ishtar, Tammuz and lesser gods in the heavens	9. Veneration of graven images of Jesus, Mary, Peter, and of the saints.
10. The belief in immortality of the soul and burning place of torment.	10. The belief in immortality of the soul and burning place of torment.
11. The doctrine of purgatory	11. The doctrine of purgatory.
12. The belief of the dead visiting the living. Feast held for, in November. (all souls day)	12. The festival of all souls day held November 2nd, all saints day held November 1st.
13. Burning of incense. Isaiah 1:13; Jer. 11:17; Ezekiel 8:11	13. The burning of incense and candles.
14. Chants and repetitious prayers Matthew 6:6	14. The rosary, Hail Mary.
15. The symbol of the cross as symbol of sun worship	15. The crucifix. Crosses on churches carried in processions, etc.
16. Amulets and idols to scare away evil spirits	16. The wearing of crucifixes and images displayed for protection.
17. The round disk wafer IHS symbol of Isis, Horus, Seb, eaten as food for the soul	17. The wafer used in the Eucharist is round with IHS engraved on it.
18. Painting of the child and mother, with the glory of the sun around their heads.	18. Paintings of the child JESUS and Mary with halos or a glory of the sun around their heads,
19. Infant Baptism, sprinkling holy water.	19. Infant Baptism, sprinkling holy water.
20. Necromancy or Spiritism	20. Mysticism or Spiritism
21. The first day of the week Sunday, kept sacred to honour Baal.	21. The change of Sabbath to Sunday.
22. Pontifex Maximus name for chief head of the pagan Babyloniansystem of idolatry.	22. Pontifex Maximus, one of the first names of the Pope.
23. Janus and Cybele, holders of the keys to heaven and hell.	23. The pope claims to have the keys of Peter.

24. The high priest kings carried on a throne to the temple of his god.

25. The pagan high priest king believed to be the incarnate of the sun-god.

26. Offerings to appease the gods

27. Celibate priests and nuns, houses for the virgin priestesses, to be employed at pagan temples.

28. Human sacrifices burned by fire as offering to appease the sun-god

24. The pope carried on a portable throne to the Basilica of St. Peter. (sedia gestatoria)

25. The pope pretends to be Christ's vicar here on earth.

26. Penance, indulgences, salvation by works.

27. Celibate priests and nuns. Nuns in cloistered convents serving in church programs

28. Opposers of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, burned at the stake.

"I show you these things, young folks, not to try to down any religion or cast disrespect on the persons conducting or participating but in order that you can understand the determined effort of Satan to place his customs and doctrines in every religion. He mingles them with the truth so that the people will become confused and worship him rather than the true God; take on his characteristics, attitudes and actions rather than to be like God. We must be alerted to come away, or separate, from these false practices so as not to be perverted by them. God says, 'Come out of Babylon.' Revelation 8:14."

"Well, Ernest, I believe I can speak for all of us. We can only thank God for revealing these things to us through you. We surely don't want to stay with customs of Babylon, We want to follow Jesus and His truth only," declared Ron, to which John and Ellen strongly added their assents.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE LOST COMMANDMENT, WHEN MAN CHANGED GOD'S LAWS

"I still cannot believe all the areas of apostasy that the church has fallen into," said John. "Did God not warn the church that this might happen?"

"He surely did. Let us turn to the prophecy of Daniel seven," responded Ernest. "You will catch the historical thrust of this prophecy very quickly. It tells us that there would be, from the time of Daniel, four great empires. Babylon was represented by a lion, Persia by a bear, Grecia by a leopard, and Rome by a dragon or non-descript beast.

"Then it says that this dragon beast would have ten horns which represent ten kingdoms in which Rome would be divided. However, three of these horns would be plucked out by another horn that would come up after the rest but would be much more powerful than all the others.

"You know that is just as the prophecy said. Rome was divided and there never has been another world empire since. To this day we still have seven nations still standing of the original ten. The Anglo-Saxons or Britain, the Alemani or Germans, the Franks or France, etc. You will remember that Italy was the place most controverted and in order to get control of it the papacy had to destroy three of those ten original tribes.

"Now the most interesting is that the prophecy says that this little horn would pluck up three other kings and it would have eyes like a mans' and a mouth speaking blasphemies. Verse 25 goes on to tell us:

And (1) he shall speak great words (blasphemies) against the Most High and (2) he shall wear out the saints of the Most High (persecute), and (3) think to change times and laws, and (4) be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. This is an amazingly exact prophecy.

"We have seen where the papacy did destroy three other kingdoms to get it's control over Italy. We have shown where the popes more than any other group in history, have claimed to have God's powers. Not even the pagans dared to claim to create God! We have reviewed a little of the terrible persecutions of God's true followers that the papacy did in order to establish its' false teachings, destroying anyone who protested. Now it ways that it would change times and laws. Did the papacy dare to change God's law?"

"It certainly did," responded Ron. "I was comparing the ten commandments in my catechism with the ten commandments as written in Exodus 20 and I found two serious differences. The first commandment in both is essentially the same but in the catechism they left out completely the second one about images and I can sure see why. If that commandment were in the catechism, the fathers would have a terrible time explaining to the people why they have so many images in their churches, when the Bible prohibits them!"

"It seems to me the second change we found was even more serious," said John. "It has to do with the Sabbath commandment. Their commandment doesn't even mention the seventh-day, it just says 'Remember the Sabbath,' and in some catechisms it just says 'festival days.' The end result of this would be to completely forget the special purpose of the Sabbath to remember God as the Creator."

"Your insight amazes me, John. You see that was exactly what the devil had in mind. The one thing he cannot do is create, so this is the prerogative of God that he always tries to play down or counterfeit. The Sabbath establishes the authority of God as the Creator. Of all things Satan wants to do is undermine God's authority, so he can take over control of our lives.

Note the inset of the ten commandments as given in most catechisms and compare them with those given in your Bible in Exodus 20:3-17. *As commonly abbreviated in Roman Catholic Catechisms.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I

I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.

II

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

III

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

III

Thou shalt not steal.

III

Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

III

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

IV

Honour thy father and thy mother.

IV

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour wife.

V

Thou shalt not kill.

V

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour goods.

"He shall think to change times and laws." Daniel 7:25 (Douay Version)

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But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.

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What Bible authority is there for changing the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week?

Who gave the Pope the authority to change a command of God?

If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh Day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew.

"In a publication of the Roman Catholic Church called A NEW CATECHISM OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE by James Bellord, p. 86, we find:

QUESTION -- "What day was the Sabbath?"

ANSWER -- "The Seventh day, our Saturday."

QUESTION -- "Do you keep the Sabbath?"

ANSWER -- "No: we keep the Lord's Day."

QUESTION -- "Which is that?"

ANSWER -- "The first day: Sunday."

QUESTION -- "Who changed it?"

ANSWER -- "The Catholic Church."

"Here we find a very clear admission to the guilt of 'thinking to change times and laws.' The fourth commandment is the only one of the ten that has a time element in it. The church chose to honor the sun-god or Satan above our Creator, himself, by adopting the sun-day. How the devil must have rejoiced, yet it was done with the rationale of making it easier for the pagans to come into the church. Thus, we can see this compromise program of mixing good with evil soon brought the church into paganism.

"Now there is one more point in the prophecy of Daniel 7:25. 'It shall be given into his hands for a time, times and dividing of times.' A time meant a Jewish year of 360 days; times or as other translations render it, two times could be 720 days and one half time would be 180 days for a total of 1260 day-years, just as we found in the 2300 day-year prophecy.

"In 538 A.D. the pope was able to vanquish the last of the Teutonic tribes and take over as king of Italy. He had now been declared head of all the churches. Previously all bishops of the great cities had been equals and Christ considered head of the church, but by the decree of Justinian the bishop of Rome had been as the papa or pope over all. Now he was supreme king, priest and prophet or seer. For this reason the Vatican is called the Holy See.

"Starting with 538 A.D. and adding 1260 years to it we have 1798. By this time the Protestant Reformation had taken place, calling the people to reject the papal apostasy and get back to the Bible. The reformation had given the prestige of the papacy a heavy blow. The Renaissance and the French Revolution added to the rebellion against the oppression of the popes. History had shown that they were far from being gods on earth. Pagan beliefs and teachings had so perverted and degenerated the papal leaders that from 904 A.D. to 1521 A.D., when the Protestant Reformation forced a clean up, they found murder, incest rape, homosexuality, theft, embezzlement and maintenance of brothels was common

among the popes, thus causing the people to lose all respect for many of these 'holy' 'infallible' bishops.

"At one time there were three popes all at the same time hurling anathemas and excommunications at each other. Another time, according to H.B. Cotterill's MEDIEVAL ITALY p. 392, there was a woman pope, Pope Joan, who had disguised herself as a man, and reigned for two years and thirty four days, until one day, in a procession, she gave birth to an infant and died. Pope Anastasius in his book HISTORY OF THE ROMAN PONTIFFS (1338), mentions her on page 128, as well as many other books. This fact wreaks havoc to the so-called papal succession, so, of course, the church has tried to deny or cover up the story as much as possible.



"In THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH COUNCILS, Bk. 40, Art. 697B., Hefele reports the declaration of Pope Boniface VIII, 1294-1303, who also practiced sorcery according to Durants WORLD WORSHIP Vol 6, p 232, he called Christ a hypocrite, professed to be an atheist, denied life after death, was murderer and a sex pervert and was officially recorded to have said, 'To lie carnally with women or with boys is no more a sin than rubbing one's hands together.' Yet this pope wrote the supposedly infallible 'UNAM SANCTUM' that declares that the Roman Catholic church is the one and only 'true' church outside of which no one can be saved. Furthermore he said, 'We, therefore, assert define and pronounce that it is necessary to salvation to believe that every human being is subject to the Pontiff of Rome.' IBID

"Pope John XXIII (1410-1115) was accused by 37 witnesses before the Council of 54 crimes of the vilest kind including the violation of 300 nuns, according to the HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION by Durant, Vol. 6, p 10. Yet with all this it is still held that when these men speak 'ex-cathedra' it is infallible, just as all the sons of the sun-god claimed to be.

"No wonder that in 1798 Napoleons' general, Bertier, went to Rome and took the pope captivity, leaving him to die in prison, finally ending the reign of terror and oppression just as the prophecy had indicated.

"In Revelation 12 and 13, we find a continuation and enlargement of the same prophecy. In chapter 13:1-8, a composite beast or religious-political power is presented with body of a leopard, mouth of a lion, feet of a bear and receiving power, his seat and great authority from the dragon. Now we have already determined that the dragon like beast

in Daniel was pagan Rome. This composite beast was to apparently have all the pagan characteristics of his four predecessors. History proves conclusively that papal Rome did receive her (1) power, armies, (2) seat of government, the City of Rome, and (3) authority, the bishop of Rome was declared pope or head of the Church by the Roman emperor, Justinian in 536 A.D.

"Thus altogether we have seven proofs to absolutely establish pagan Rome as the little horn or composite beast power. But in case we may have any remaining doubts, God tells us in Revelation 13:3 that this power would receive a deadly wound, which it did receive in 1798 when the pope died in prison and there was no pope for a while. It again repeats the period of rule during the dark ages calling it 42 months in verse 5.

"Calculating with a thirty day Jewish month, we again get the same 1260 day-years. $42 \times 30 = 1260$. Again we are told that it would be a blasphemous power, claiming to have all the powers of God, which only the pope does, and the final prophecy is being fulfilled this very day. It says, in verse 6-8 that the deadly wound would be healed and that 'all the world wondered after the beast...' and that he would 'make war with the saints...and that all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life...'

"No pope in all history has begun to have the accolades and applause of the whole world, including communist and the pagan world as the present pope. He has visited more countries than all the previous popes put together and is tremendously popular, just as the Bible said he would be. While we must admit that we see a great deal to be appreciated and admired in the tremendous leadership of the present pope, we cannot ignore that it must be just this type of person who will deceive the whole world to follow him in apostasy. We must raise the alarm from the Word of God!

"Verse 13 indicates the great deceptive miracle-working power this being will have over the earth and that he will cause 'all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads' or be economically boycotted!"

"Ernest, it's so clear that the papacy is this beast power that even a child could see it. But what is this mark?" questioned Ron.

"We're getting there, Ron. Please bear with me just a bit more. First we must go to Revelation 12 and see another picture.

"Here we see presented God's True Church symbolized by pure woman clothed with the sun, not worshipping it, which represents the glorious light of the gospel of Christ or Righteousness by Faith of the New Testament. She is standing on the moon or the reflected light shown through the sacrificial system of the Old Testament ceremonies. The crown of twelve stars is recognized by practically all Bible scholars to represent the twelve disciples, who were to be the light of the world.

"Then we find the dragon or Satan, working through pagan Rome, ever present to try to destroy her seed or child Jesus when he was born. Remember how Herod, Rome's representative decreed that all men children were to be killed under the age of two years?"

"I surely do," said John. "But what's this about the dragon's tail casting a third of the stars to the ground?"

"We believe that refers to when Satan was cast out of heaven and took a third of the angels with him and brought them to earth to assist him in his destructive work. Then it says that the manchild, or Jesus, would be 'caught up to God and His throne.'"

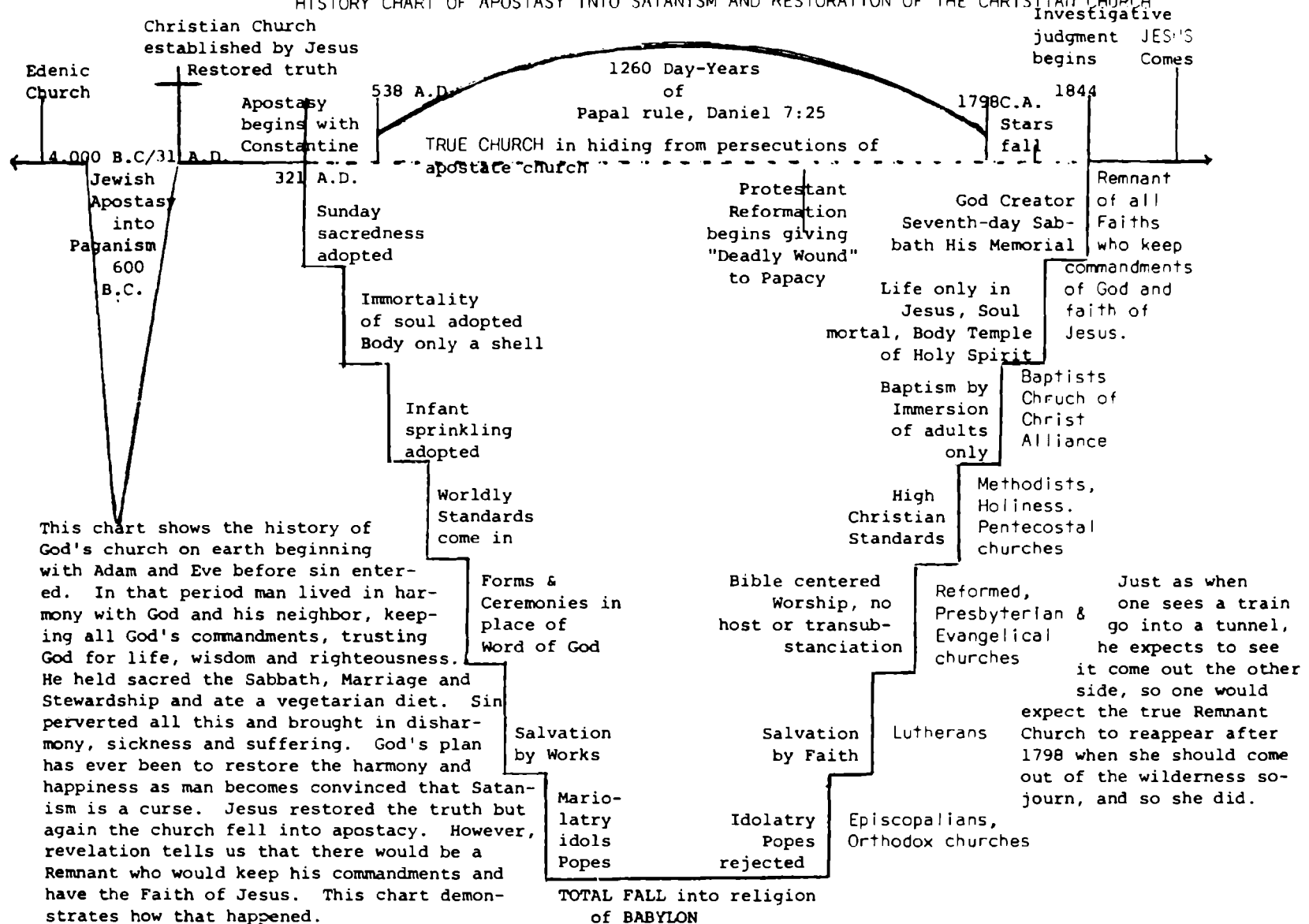
"That would refer to Jesus' ascension, wouldn't it?" asked Ellen.

"That's right, Ellen, but then notice that when Jesus ascends and is accepted by the universe as king, Satan is once again cast down. Very few realize that when Adam, our first congressman to the heavenly congress of the universe fell into Satan's trap, then Lucifer regained entrance to heaven at congress session time, as this earth's representative. That is what the story of Job 1 is all about.

"However, when Jesus came down and dis-proved Satan's assertion that God's law cannot be kept, by His perfect life and then died to purchase back fallen humanity, He became this earth's legal representative and congressman forever casting Satan out of heaven, not only literally but also out of the hearts of the whole universe. No one was left in doubt of his insidious claims and his horrible deceptions after he had murdered the humanity of his own Creator on the cross."

"We missed something," said Ron. "What does it mean verse six, about the woman or the church having to flee into the wilderness for 1260 days?"

HISTORY CHART OF APOSTASY INTO SATANISM AND RESTORATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



This chart shows the history of God's church on earth beginning with Adam and Eve before sin entered. In that period man lived in harmony with God and his neighbor, keeping all God's commandments, trusting God for life, wisdom and righteousness. He held sacred the Sabbath, Marriage and Stewardship and ate a vegetarian diet. Sin perverted all this and brought in disharmony, sickness and suffering. God's plan has ever been to restore the harmony and happiness as man becomes convinced that Satanism is a curse. Jesus restored the truth but again the church fell into apostasy. However, revelation tells us that there would be a Remnant who would keep his commandments and have the Faith of Jesus. This chart demonstrates how that happened.

"Why, Ron, can't you see? While the apostate church represented in Revelation 17 as a fornicating whore went back to worshipping Satan in paganism, the true followers of God, who protested these false customs and doctrines, were driven out and so persecuted that they had to flee for their lives into the mountains and deserts to escape the persecutions of the apostate church, of which we already studied.

"While papal Rome was in full power during this 1260 year period the true church or God's faithful followers who continued to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, had to stay in hiding until the papal power would be broken. After this period or after 1798 we would look for her to reappear again with the same precious truths and customs that Jesus had established and that actually came down from the original true church that God had established in the Garden of Eden.

"Let's draw a chart of it so that we can better catch the perspective. Note that this chart shows the original true church that kept all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then it shows the Roman apostasy and return of the major segment of the church to paganism. However, there always were faithful persons who protested and would not accept these false teachings and traditions being brought in. They stayed loyal to God though threatened with death. These were those who composed the true church who had to go into hiding during the dark age reign of the papacy.

"Thank God after the church fell into this terrible apostasy, many awakened and began to protest and call God's people back to the original truths of the Bible. These were called pro-testants or protestants, beginning with Wycliff and the Episcopal church breaking away from Rome and no longer recognizing the pope in England. Then came the real founder of the Reformation, Martin Luther of Germany who founded the Lutheran church on the great truth of Justification by Faith not works. After Luther came John Calvin, founder of the Reformed, Evangelical and Congregational churches who accepted the previous reforms but added a more simple service without so much form and ceremony, which put the Bible preaching of the Word as central in the worship service rather than the altar and the mass or Eucharist as central.

"Soon after came the great John Wesley, founder of the Methodists and Pentecostal groups whose great call was to holiness and purity of life style, calling christians to separate from the immoral sins of the world, including what one ate and drank, his dress and social life. Then came the Baptists calling for a restoration of true baptism by immersion.

"The sad thing was that the people, instead of accepting each reform as it came, followed only as far as their human leader had called them and then pounded down their stakes and said we go no further. They actually persecuted those who called for continued reform. This sadly brought divisions and denominationalism into the church. If Satan could stop the reform movement he would splinter and divide it and this he did most effectively. However, even though many reforms had been made, the pernicious doctrine of the immortality of the soul, with it's accompanying eternal hell fire doctrine, and the equally seductive Sunday sacredness, still remained part of the customs and teachings of these churches. How would God finish the reformation?"

"That's what I would like to know," responded Ellen. "Is there any religious group who do keep all of God's commandments including His Sabbath? I thought all churches taught that one goes to heaven when he dies."

"I'm happy to tell you, Ellen, that out of all these different reforming groups, there was formed a group who were willing to change anything in their lives to come into harmony with God's will. They were willing to separate from what ever was not pleasing to Him and dedicate their lives totally to Him, trusting in Jesus and His resurrection for their hope of life. The Bible calls them 'the remnant.' We will study about them next week."

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

THE REMNANT

"Greetings, Ernest, we are so glad you arrived as we are really interested to know about this remnant group that you were telling us about, that keep all of God's commandments and have the faith of Jesus. Where did they come from and who are they?"

"Well, let's go to Revelation 12 again and study verses 14-16. The prophecy goes on to say that after the woman would be nourished by the truth during the 1260 year period and although she faced terrible persecutions, 'the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened up her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.'

"It is most interesting that around 1798 or the end of the papal persecution, that the United States of America was being formed as a great bastion of religious liberty. Actually many of the early settlers of the United States, such as the pilgrims of the famous Mayflower, were religiously persecuted in Europe. These people formed the Declaration of Independence, declaring all men equal with liberty and justice for all and the right to worship God as each one chose.

"The religious rights of Jews, Catholics or whatever faith, who were in a minority would be protected just as much as those who were Protestants and in the majority. The constitution of the United States, still considered one of the greatest documents written by mankind, and inspiration of most of the national constitutions of free republics in all the world, guaranteed these rights.

"Only in this kind of environment could God bring about the final reforms which would establish a group who would fulfill the seventeenth verse.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, (the universal church of all ages) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, (last portion or final people) which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

"Soon after 1798, in the early 1800's we find a great revival among all Christians and denominations in the belief of the advent or coming of Jesus the second time, a conviction brought on by events taking place in the heavens, that had been prophesied by Jesus as signs of his immediate return. Luke 21:11 and 25 declares that there would be great earthquakes and that there would be signs in the sun and stars.

More specifically in Revelation 6:12,13 it tells us;

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

"There had been the great Lisbon Earthquake in 1755, then came the famed dark day of 1780, when with no known scientific explanation, the day became dark around 10 A.M., the chickens went to roost, and in the night the moon came out as red as blood, just as the prophecy had indicated. Thus the Bible scholars, at the time, concluded that the end of the rule of the papacy in 1798 began the 'time of the end.'

"In 1833 the greatest meteoric shower in history fell and was seen over the whole earth like gigantic snow flakes falling in every direction from one central point in the sky. This event caused millions to begin to study the Bible and prepare for Christ's advent or coming. They were people of every faith and denomination, but with one unifying desire, to be ready to meet their Savior. As they studied the prophecies they encountered the marvelous prophecy of Daniel 8:14, 'Unto two thousand three hundred days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.'

"Many persons all over the world were impressed to study this prophecy at the same time. Such great scholars as Isaac Newton, Joseph Wolf, Henry Drummond and the Catholic priest, Lacunza in South America, all arrived at more or less the same conclusions, that the sanctuary meant the earth and that the prophecy would be completed around 1844. Thus they concluded that the 'cleansing' meant that Jesus would come around that date to cleanse the world of sin. The message rang out around the earth and many made ready to meet the bridegroom.

"1844 came and went and Jesus did not appear, which was a bitter disappointment for those who had so eagerly awaited him. The faithful ones said, 'the Lord has not failed but somehow we have not understood the prophecy correctly. As they re-studied the scriptures, their attention was turned to the explanation of the sanctuary in the book of Hebrews. There they found that Jesus, their Savior, when he had ascended to heaven, had continued a great work as our high priest, mediating in the heavenly sanctuary. As Paul explained in Hebrews 8:1-3 and 9:24,27;

We have such an high priest set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, A minister of the sanctuary and of the true taber-

nacle, which the Lord pitched and not man; For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Then Paul adds, 'And as it is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment.'

"Somehow the cleansing of the sanctuary was connected with the judgment at the end of the world. They pleaded with God, in prayer, to illuminate their minds so that they could understand His message for them. Someone found a verse referring to the judgment and the temple or sanctuary in Revelation 11:1, where it commanded 'measure the temple of God and the altar, and them that worship therein.' Going back into the previous chapter they found, 'And I saw another mighty angel...and he had in his hand a little book open..' Then in verse six, 'and sware by him that liveth forever and ever...that time should be no longer,' and reading on from verses 8-11:

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

"What was the little book referred to?" asked John.

"Well, I'm sure you boys have now observed the tremendously close relationship between the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Jesus in Matthew 24:15 refers to Daniel's prophecy about the end times and says 'whoso readeth let him understand.' In Daniel 12:4 the same angel had said, 'but thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, seal up the book even to the time of the end, Many shall run to and fro and knowledge (about the prophecy) shall be increased.'

"God had foretold that he would reveal the understanding of Daniel in the time of the end. They had calculated the 2300 day prophecy and concluded that it was the last time-line prophecy and that prophetic time or the day for a

year principle came to its end in 1844. They were positive that they were very near to the end of time and yet the prophecy indicated other events would have to take place.

"Now as they read the experience of 'eating the book' and it savouring sweet in the mouth but bitter in the stomach, they thought of their own experience with the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and how the prophecy had been so sweet to their ears that Jesus was coming soon, but then the time had passed and the prophecy was no longer sweet to them but a bitter experience. It went on to say, 'Thou must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and king' and then immediately began to talk about the temple and measuring or judging those inside of it."

"What meaning could it have had?" questioned Ellen.

"That's exactly what they wanted to know, but now at least they felt they were beginning to see a ray of light. They went back to the Old Testament and began studying about the sanctuary that God had given to the Israelites to try to see if there were types or symbols that would reveal to them what God was endeavoring to tell them.

"In Exodus 25:8 they found God's instruction to the Israelites, 'let them make me a sanctuary that I might dwell among them.' The whole Bible is really a story of God trying to get close to his estranged people. Since Eve had chosen to doubt God's law of love and goodness and had rebelled, man's concepts of God's character had become more and more twisted and perverted by Satan, until they were deathly afraid of their Creator, instead of trusting in Him as a loving Father. Now again God was attempting to draw close to them and would reveal His love for them through His marvelous plan of salvation as symbolized in the sacrificial ceremonies of the sanctuary.

"Chapters 25-31 of Exodus are dedicated to a detailed instruction as to how God wanted the sanctuary and its services to be prepared. I hope you will read these chapters when you go home, but for shortness of time I wish to point out the most important parts and lessons to be gained."

"Please don't feel rushed, Ernest. We really want to understand this," said Ron. "I've always wondered about this part of the Bible and why it was there but could never understand it."

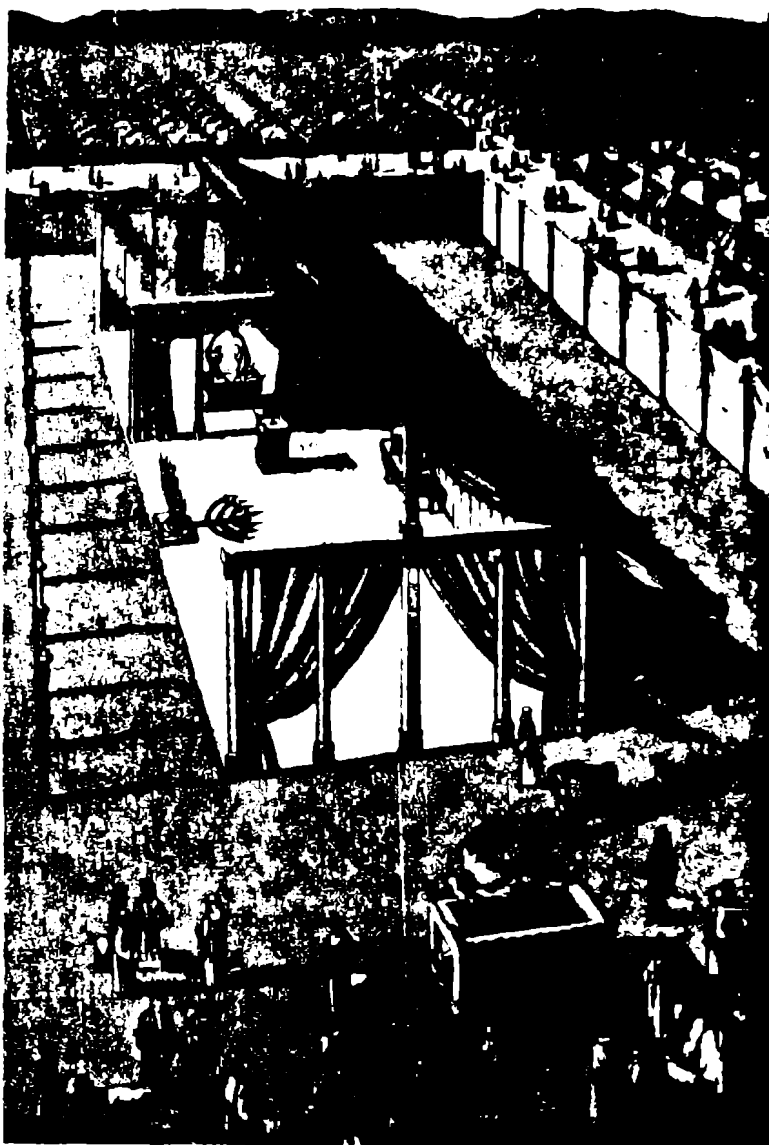
"All right," said Ernest. "Let's start where God started, with the ark of the covenant which was the most important article. This was the beautiful gold plated

chest that housed the ten commandments explaining how to love and relate to God and one's neighbors, as well as revealing His character of love. This chest was to be kept in the Most Holy Place where only the high priest could enter but once a year. Above the ten commandments, between two cherubs of gold, was the 'mercy seat' representing the throne of God. When the sanctuary was ready, the very presence of God entered, during the dedication, in the form of a supernatural light, called the 'Shekinah Glory,' and rested between the cherubim.

"Between the Most Holy Place and the Holy Place there was a gorgeous hand woven curtain or veil, then in the

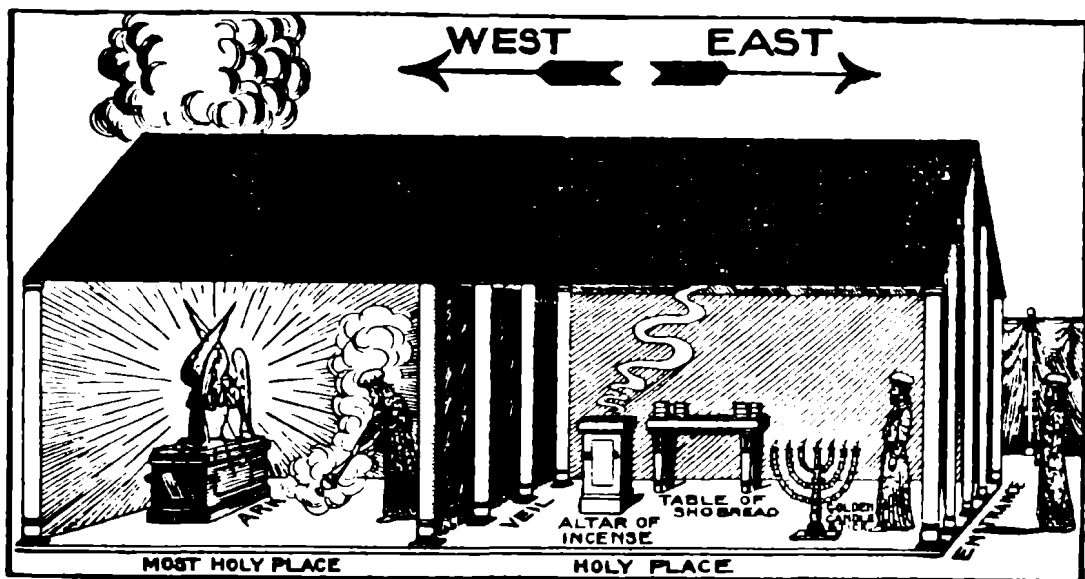
Holy Place could be found a golden altar of incense, right in front of the veil. There was also a seven stick Candelabra and a table bearing twelve loaves of bread, one for each tribe.

"This portable building was placed in a court yard with protective curtains of white linen around it. Just in front of the sanctuary door there was a laver or large wash basin on a pedestal, the altar of sacrifice was near the door entering the court. Here is an artists conception of how it looked.



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Leviticus Chapter 24:1-40



Location of Holy and Most Holy Places

"Every morning and evening the priests offered a lamb without blemish on this altar. This lamb was taken from the tithes or tenth that the Israelites were taught to return to God as an indication of their recognition of God's ownership of everything and their desire to express their gratitude for all the blessings he had given them. This is an excellent practice for us even today, in fact if we do return our tithe it is a wonderful insurance policy which God provides for those who wish to enter into this gratitude and generosity relationship with Him. It is found in Malachi 3:8-10. How about reading it for us, Ellen?"

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"Say that is a wonderful promise!" ejaculated John, "Do you really think it applies to New Testament times to, Ernest?"

"Why don't we see what inspiration says?" responded Ernest. "Would you like to read 1 Corinthians 9:13,14?"

"Do ye not know that they which minister about

holy things live of the things of the temple?
and they which wait at the altar are partakers
with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained
that they which preach the gospel should live of
the gospel."

"Jesus also spoke approvingly of this custom in Luke 11:42. I can say by experience that the same blessings are available to us today as they were in ancient times.

"Speaking of insurance, when I was a child in Idaho, one of our christian neighbors, who was one of the few who practiced tithing in his area, had his crops miraculously delivered from a plague of red-bodied Mormon crickets, which completely wiped out that whole countryside.

"Chris was a Seventh-day Adventist, by far the largest of 31 denominations and groups in the world that observe the original seventh-day Sabbath. It was on a Saturday morning as his family were preparing to go to church, that a neighbor phoned and told him that a plague of crickets were slowly destroying all the crops at the head of the valley, eating every green leaf in their path and that they were heading his way. The Mittleiders barely earned their living raising watermelons. It was very hard to earn a living in the depression time of the 30's. He called his family of ten children together and knelt down and claimed this promise in Malachi, telling God that he believed that He would honor his promise and thanked Him for providing for his family. They went to church in faith that God would take care of them.

"After sundown that evening, the crickets were just arriving at the farm. They put sheets of galvanized tin in an irrigation ditch on the far side of the farm thinking that this might help. When the crickets hit that ditch, they filled it up in five minutes and began to spill over the tin. But then a miracle happened! There was a farm road between the ditch and the watermelon vines. The crickets divided, marched down the road, turned exactly at the edge of the forty acre farm and marched down the both sides, never touching a vine but completely destroying everything on either side of the farm. When they arrived at the public road, they closed back in.

"The farmer across the road said that he would stop them and he began to run his huge John Deere tractor, dragging a stoneboat made of heavy logs, back and forth on the road. He killed millions of the crickets, but pretty soon the road got so slick with dead crickets that his tires began to spin. There he sat while they went into his large farm and devoured every green sprig of any kind,

"Later the Boise Statesman came out with an article asking why had Chris Mittleiders forty acres been the only farm untouched in the whole area and then told about his tithing custom and how he had trusted in God's promise, 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground.'"

"That is marvelous. I'm going to start tithing this week. I want God as my insurance broker in everything," exclaimed John.

"Wonderful." replied Ernest. "There's no finer protection available. Now let's discover some more interesting things about the sanctuary.

"These lambs which were sacrificed in the morning and evening were God's lambs signifying God providing the sacrifice. If the sinner was a long ways away from the sanctuary and sinned, he could by faith believe that he had been covered by these sacrifices until he was able to bring his own sacrifice. Here we see another lesson. Even though God provides the sacrifice, he expects man to cooperate and do his part, by demonstrating his acceptance of the gift.

"Today many teach what some call 'cheap grace,' the idea that all there is for the sinner to do is believe that Jesus died for him and go on sinning. However, in Romans 6 we are told in verses 6,11:

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"We see this concept so well illustrated in the sanctuary service. The sinner accepted the sacrifice made for him in the morning and evening, yet he too, must make a sacrifice and die to sin. Cooperation with God in the plan of salvation is so very essential.

"The sinner brought his lamb near the altar and there he knelt and confessed his sin over the head of the lamb, in symbol transferring his sin or guilt to the lamb. Then he had to take his own knife and cut the throat of the lamb. What a tremendous illustration of how our sins caused the death of the true lamb of God!

The priest then caught the blood in a basin and took part of it and poured it out at the base of the altar, symbolizing the sinner pouring out his life in dedication to God.

"The rest of the blood was carried by the priest into the sanctuary. However, before he could enter, he had to wash in the laver. No one can enter the presence of God except through the cleansing blood of Jesus. He then took the blood inside and sprinkled it on the altar and in front of the veil. Now the transaction was complete. The sinner was forgiven, his guilt had been transferred to the sanctuary. When we realize that the sanctuary was a revelation of Jesus, then it is clear that the guilt was transferred to Jesus who still bears it for mankind.

"This was the Old Testament revelation of the great New Testament truth of Justification by Faith. The sinner was justified not by anything he did, but by his faith in the atoning sacrifice of the symbolized Lamb of God. Once freed from condemnation and guilt, the child of God can grow in an atmosphere of love and acceptance to become loving and accepting of others.

"As long as one feels guilty and unaccepted one transfers that feeling to others and treats them in the way one thinks God is treating him. Thus the devil knows that as long as one feels guilty and unaccepted, one will treat others in the same way, then the estrangement, bitter feelings, hate, envy and resentment will snowball. The devil thus presents a God that is angry and filled with hate and condemnation for us and that has to be appeased.

"What a contrast to the God who made the first sacrifice for us! He took the blame for our sins, yes, even dying for them so that we can be released from the condemnation and put in an atmosphere of peace and security where we can become loving, kind and merciful, like He is.

"I never really thought of that," said Ron. "What an incredible psychologist is our God. It's the only possible way that the sinner could be restored in His image, but at what a cost!"

"Exactly, Ron, you see God first declares us just by virtue of the life of Christ, and then as our hard hearts are broken by His wonderful demonstration of love, He can transform us into His very image. We don't do His will in order to be saved from guilt and condemnation but because we have been saved from it.

"In love and appreciation we choose to cooperate with Him to accomplish the second step and that is to save us from the power of sin or selfishness, inborn in our natures. This process is called sanctification.

"This experience was also well illustrated in the first

apartment of the sanctuary. On the left side was the seven golden candlestick, which represents Jesus the light of the world working through the Holy Spirit to illuminate our minds and guide us.

"On the other side was the table of shewbread, representing God the Father, giving His Son, the 'Bread of Life' to mankind. Here is how God talks to us, through His Word as well as through impressions of the Holy Spirit. The Word is tangible and unchanging. It is the standard by which we can judge what is truth.

"Isaiah 8:20 says, 'To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, there is no light in them.' Again in 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21, 'Quench not the spirit, despise not prophecies. Prove all things; (by the word) hold fast that which is good.' Thank God for the Bible which is the road map to eternal life.

"Two more texts to add to what we have heard:

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (1 Timothy 3:15-17)

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Peter 1:20,21)

"Thus we have a solid foundation upon which to build our faith and communication. The table of shewbread was on the north side of the Sanctuary and may well have represented God's throne before the judgment was set in 1844, as mentioned in Daniel 7:10. Lucifer's desire was to sit in God's throne 'in the sides of the north.' (Isaiah 14:13)

"The third item was the golden altar of incense in front of the veil or door to the Most Holy Place, whose smoke went up over the curtain into the sacred presence of God. This, of course, represented Jesus our mediator who now stands in the presence of God pleading His blood for us. Thus we see the trinity revealed in the three articles of furniture, all participating in our salvation.

"As we enter into a trust relationship with Jesus, He reveals to us our shortcomings and mediates forgiveness and power to overcome sin in our lives to be transformed into His very image. Jesus came to save us from our sins, not in them. (Matthew 1:21)

"Here is exactly the difference between Satan's false counterfeit gospel and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many so-called christians claim they are saved and yet still walk in sin. The true christian believes he (1) has been saved from the guilt and condemnation of sin through justification, (2) is being saved from the power of sin through sanctification, as He walks with Jesus day by day and (3) will be saved from the effects of sin, when his body is changed at the coming of Jesus. Only then is the process completed.

"As the great apostle Paul so well explained it in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53:

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

"While the christian by faith rejoices in the finished work of Christ on the cross, he also realizes that Jesus, as his intercessor is working to finish His work in him through the ministration of the Holy Spirit and he humbly cooperates in the removal of all sinful attitudes and tendencies in the life.

"Now the final revelation of Jesus was found in the Most Holy Place. Here the single piece of furniture represented the divine nature of Christ. The tables of stone, His unchangeableness, the law of love, His just character. The mercy seat shows the merciful kindness that He has combined with His absolute righteousness. The unity of the Trinity is symbolized so that we can see that the Son truly came to reveal the character of His Father in order that we would love Him rather than be afraid of Him.

"When man sinned, God had a problem. Sin always separates and ruins relationships. God is so holy that sin cannot exist in His presence. Yet God wanted to come down and live with man so that man could understand His love, see His goodness and choose to be like Him. However, if He came in His divine form, sinful man would be destroyed by His presence. Therefore, Jesus veiled His divinity by taking

our weakened human natures. The Bible says that He took the seed of Abraham and of David. (Romans 1:2,3; Hebrews 2:16) Romans 8:3 tells us '...God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.' He demonstrated that even though we may have a degenerated, weak body, if we unite it with the power of the Holy Spirit, we need not sin. He condemned sin in His flesh!

"This means everything to us. It means that Jesus won the battle over Satan's temptations in your body and my body. If we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us as He did, we can have the same victory. But some say, 'He had an advantage. His father was the Holy Spirit.' That is true. He did have an advantage at birth over us when we were born, otherwise He could not have been our perfect Savior. But He says, 'I will give you that advantage. You must be born again!' We can have a new Father, the Holy Spirit, in the new birth experience. When He is permitted to finish His work in us through the Latter Rain, we shall live totally victorious just as Jesus did!

"For a long time I could never understand how we would be able to live in a depraved body without sinning. However I found the secret in Romans 8:1,2. After talking about how weak we are in our own strength to do God's will, Paul declares: 'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death

"Here we have two laws. Let me illustrate it this way. The law of sin and death is like the law of gravity continually pulling us down. No matter how hard one tries to jump up it pulls us down. We actually have a saying, 'what goes up must come down.'

"This was true until the space age came along and the jets were able to throw rocket ships and satellites into orbit. By the power of centrifugal force they did not need to come back down but could stay out there in space going around the earth without falling back. What happened? Another more powerful law has taken over their existence. The law of centrifugal force which is more powerful than the law of gravity!

"Now the same is true in the spiritual realm. If we get ourselves in orbit with Jesus, His law of the Spirit is more powerful than the law of sin and death and we need not fall! There is no excuse for sin. Jesus has condemned sin in His flesh, showing that the power of the Spirit is greater and that He will win the victory in us, just as He did in the body that He took for us.

"But you say, 'I've never seen anyone that is perfect.' And I ask, 'How do you know?' Can a sinner with twisted concepts really judge this? Only God can. We know Enoch, Elijah, and Moses gained this victory, but how many more did? Only God knows.

"When God sent His perfect Son to live among men, they imagined all sorts of faults in Him, imputing evil, not because there was anything wrong with Him but that their concepts of perfection had been perverted. However, God has a special plan for finishing His work of grace in His people that is revealed in the Anti-typical Day of Atonement work in the heavenly sanctuary and we shall study about this in just a few moments. First let us see the path that Jesus took which leads to salvation.

"Originally Jesus was a divine being represented by the ark in the Most Holy Place. But the Bible says He veiled His divinity with humanity. This is represented by the veil between the two apartments. Hebrews 10:20 tells us that the veil was His flesh.

"The Holy Place represented His ministry for man on earth as our mediator, light and nutrition. Then when He began His ministry He washed in the laver of Baptism, as our example. Exactly three and a half years later His plan was to be sacrificed voluntarily on the altar."

"Wait a minute, Ernest. Did you say that He should have died on the altar of sacrifice and not on the cross?" challenged John.

"Exactly, John. Think it through. If the Jews had accepted Christ as the Messiah, which was certainly God's plan, what would have happened? Would Christ still have had to die?"

"Well, I guess so," said Ron. "They still would have needed a Savior because 'all have sinned.'"

"Right you are. Then where would He have died?"

"Well, I guess you're right," said John. "The logical place for him to have died would have been the Altar of Sacrifice."

"Beloved, can you imagine what a traumatic situation and experience it would have been for the Jews, had they accepted Jesus as their Messiah and loved Him, when the hour arrived for Him to die? He would have informed them that He would voluntarily, like Isaac of old, lay himself down on the altar of sacrifice. You remember, that Isaac

even encouraged his father and helped him get the altar prepared, then helped bind himself to the altar. He was a young man and could have easily escaped from his aged father thinking him senile. But he trusted in the God of his father and was totally willing to die as a sacrifice.

"Then when Abraham was ready to plunge the knife into Isaac's heart, God said, 'Stop!, you don't need to sacrifice your son because I'm going to sacrifice mine. Now you can understand my heartache.' Have you ever thought that our God appreciates our sympathy and gratitude and that He feels the need of the understanding of His friend, Abraham?

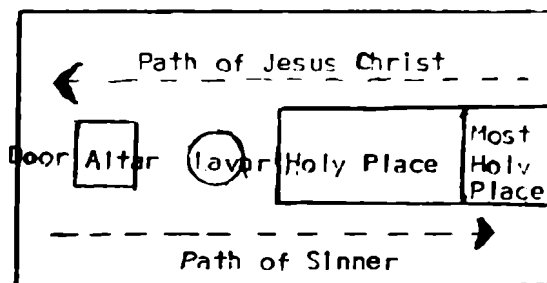
"But, brethren, instead of man appreciating that Jesus had come to die for him voluntarily, he grasped the Son of God and in a satanic rage, nailed Him to the cross and murdered Him! Satan cannot bear voluntary sacrifice. His sacrifices are always unwilling and sacrificed by force.

"Instead of permitting Jesus to die for them on the altar, as the type had always symbolized, He was taken by force, outside of the sanctuary and the city and put on a cross, Satan's symbol. You remember in the chapter on the origin of the cross, that the Romans considered all who were crucified, a sacrifice to their sun-god, Nimrod, who really was Satan, himself! Oh, the incredible shame and ungratefulness which ought to break our hearts. Furthermore, my beloved, every time we willfully sin "we crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame." (Hebrews 6:4)

"Oh my," sobbed Ellen, "I never realized how terrible we treated Him. How could He still love us so? I don't want to bring more shame on Him. I only want to glorify His name."

"I'm so happy you feel that way, Ellen. I know Jesus will help you," comforted Ernest. "Even though He came unto His own and His own received Him not, thank God He died for us. He could have come down off the cross but His heart of love held Him there. Three days later Jesus arose and burst the tomb and He lives today!

"Now He has opened the doors of salvation for us and we can enter into the sanctuary and follow His path by Faith but from the opposite direction. Note the diagram. You see the salvation road is a two-way street.



"Many ask me why we don't have a sanctuary in the New Testament. I'm always thrilled to tell them that we do. not in a building but in our hearts! says 1 Corinthians 6:19,20.

What? know ye not that your body in the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

"From the gate we follow Jesus to the altar of sacrifice, placing our all on that altar, confessing our sins and in repentance dying to self. Then we are baptized in the fountain symbolizing His cleansing blood. In the New Testament we are the priests. Peter declares of each believer, 'but ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) therefore, we take the bread and the blood into the sanctuary of our bodies or minds.

"Actually the communion service is a repetition of this beautiful sanctuary service. You see, Jesus commanded his disciples in John 13, to wash each others feet as a remembrance of His perfectly humble life and to help us be humble. Just as the priests of old were required to wash their feet and hands before entering the sanctuary, so should we.

"Here is how we do it. For sake of modesty we have the ladies go into one room and the men into another and there we chose partners and wash each others feet in little basins that are provided and dry them with a towel. We offer prayer for each other and then embrace each person participating. For me it is the most precious service that Christ has given us. Many times if there are brethren that are at odds, they make it right and wash each others feet and there comes in a beautiful spirit of love and unity that nothing else could bring.

"Then we are truly ready to partake of the symbolized body and blood of Jesus. We come back together and, as the priests, take the bread and wine into our body sanctuaries, commemorating Jesus' death for us."

"That is beautiful," exclaimed John. "When could we take part in that kind of service?"

"Jesus did not state how often we were to do this, so we as a custom in God's Remnant Church have this service at the end of each quarter or four times a year. This seems to keep it from becoming too common and yet is often enough

that we don't forget. I'll be most happy to have you accompany us the next time we have it.

"There are other things we need to see in our walk with Jesus through the sanctuary. When we become His temple or sanctuaries, the candlestick is to illuminate our minds so that we can become, as Jesus said, 'the light of the world'. We also are to share the bread of life with a spiritually starved world and we must become, through prayer and witnessing, mediators between lost man and God. Then as we enter by faith into the Most Holy Place, and behold God's Ten Commandments, we hear this promise,

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying. Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

"This is the final work that God does for His people in restoring them to His likeness, the complete fulfillment of which will come in the promised refreshing or outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain. This is promised in Acts 3:19,20;

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.

This work of blotting out of sin that Jesus has promised to do, is not only done in the record books of heaven but also in our minds so that there is no more desire for evil or response to temptation. What a wonderful day when we can say as Jesus could, 'Satan cometh to me but can find nothing in me.' Then it will be that we shall give glory only to God and never again by sinning give glory to Satan.

"In Leviticus 16 we find the story of the great Day of Atonement or as the Jews called it the Day of Judgment. This is the chapter that this group of reformers began to study back in 1844, to understand what the cleansing of the sanctuary really meant. The Day of Atonement was considered the most important of all the Jewish feasts. It came towards the end of their year and symbolized God's great judgment day to come at the end of the world.

"On that day the high priest chose two goats. One he sacrificed on the altar and after having made an atonement for his own sins, he went into the Most Holy Place with a censor of smoking incense to sprinkle the blood of the goat over the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant that contained the Ten Commandments. This represented the blotting out of the record of sin of the whole year of all the people that had come up and afflicted their souls around the sanctuary for ten days previously, making sure that all their sins had been forgiven. Those who wouldn't do this special work of cleansing their hearts from all sin, were cast out of the camp forever.

"On his way out of the Holy Place, the high priest symbolically gathered up all the guilt that had been sprinkled on the golden altar of incense during the year, and carried it out and confessed it over the other goat called the Scape Goat. Then it was led away into the wilderness to die. This represented the final disposal of sin.

"As these Bible students studied all this, they concluded that this work, which the Jews called the Cleansing of the Sanctuary, typified the final great judgment day when God would judge His people. Those who had faithfully trusted in Jesus, and had confessed and forsaken all their sins would be judged worthy on the basis of the merits of Jesus and would have the record of their sins blotted out, not only from the heavenly records but from their minds.

"This work would cleanse the sanctuary in heaven of the record of the sins of God's people. Their names would be sealed in the Book of Life, while the names of the rebellious would be placed in the Book of Death. Their sins remaining on the records were to be answered for in the great white throne judgment at the end of the millenium when the wicked would be destroyed by fire, being judged according to their works. (Revelation 20:9-12)

"On the other hand, those who were sealed in the Lambs Book of Life would be taken to heaven to live and reign with Jesus for a thousand years and then be returned to live on this earth for Eternity. (John 14:1-4; Revelation 20:5-8)

"The carrying out of the guilt and placing it on the Scape Goat represented the final transaction that would occur, once Jesus had accomplished the salvation of His people. He was not to blame for our sins but has born our guilt that we could be set free. At that time He will then place the guilt back on the one who really is responsible for it, Satan, himself. All the universe will see that God is fair and just in dealing with the sin problem. Lucifer

will receive only what he deserves for the terrible suffering he has caused the world and God.

"As these students of prophecy realized how important it was that the world understand the work of the judgment that had begun in 1844 for the dead and that soon would pass to the living, they went out proclaiming the Judgment Hour Message to the world, which is found in Revelation 14: 6-12.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

"Note that it says that the hour of God's judgment is not coming but is come! Therefore, it was tremendously important that His people worship Him as the creator, which of course would involve observing His memorial of creation, the true Sabbath and keeping all the commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus, so as not to receive the mark of the beast of fallen Babylon. It was bad news for the rebellious who didn't want to change but it was good news for those who really wanted to serve God and were trusting in Jesus.

"In Daniel 7:26,27, referring to the beast power or Satan himself, it declared that after the reign of the beast or after 1798, (see verse 25), 'but the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his dominion (basically self-

worship or the worship of man, being confused as to who is God) to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom shall be given...to the people of the Most High...' The saints victory cry whould really be, 'Babylon is fallen in me' no longer will we worship self but only worship and glorify Jesus! (Revelation 14:8)

"In our last study of this series we shall find out more about this group of people and their victory over the mark of the beast and his image and number."

"You mean to say we are finally going to study about the Mark of the Beast?"

"Yes, Ron, now you will be able to understand it," promised Ernest.

"Ernest, there is just one thing I don't understand," worried John. "Why has the judgment taken so long? Why hasn't Jesus come long ere this? 1844 is almost one hundred and forty years ago."

"John, if you think that's a long time how do you think Jesus feels? He has been ready to come back for 2,000 years but His work hasn't been finished. The gospel had not been preached to all the world as He promised in Matthew 24:14 which would signal the end. In 2 Peter 3: 7-9, He tells us,

But heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But then He declares, 'but the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...'

"God is so merciful that He cannot bear to destroy the world until everyone has had a chance to know the truth and make a decision for or against Chrsit. That is why God has allowed the tremendous increase in knowledge in the world with the incredible satellite system of communications, by radio and T.V. Today everyone in the world can hear the gospel story, at least by radio, as missionary stations beam it by short wave **all over** the world.

"In Daniel 12:4 it says that knowledge shall be increased and men shall run to and fro. Now we have the space shuttle where astronauts can go into space to travel to the moon and soon to other planets. Even laymen can travel faster than sound, today, and faster than the sun travels so that actually a man could travel in the Condor from New York to Los Angeles leaving at 8 A.M. and arriving in Los Angeles at 7 A.M. of the same day. That is puzzling isn't it? Would he be an hour younger?

"Now missionaries can reach every part of the globe rapidly. You can have breakfast in London, dinner in New York, supper in Los Angeles, and a midnight snack in Honolulu. As an irrate passenger once added, '--and your baggage in Buenos Aires!'

"It's all true, Ernest. The coming of Jesus must be very near because with all the chemical and atomic weapons that man has, he will kill himself if Jesus doesn't return soon to end it all," observed John.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE MARK OF THE BEAST &

THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD

"Well, my beloved friends, we have come to the last study of this series on Satanism. I surely hope that you have grasped well the truths that we have studied in God's Word so that you may not be deceived by the wiles of the Evil One. I am very sorry to tell you that the vast majority of those living at the end of time, which is right upon us, will be deceived and worship Satan to the very last moment, until they realize their terrible mistake when they see Jesus coming in the clouds.

"By that time of course He will have made His pronouncement, 'he that is unjust, let him be unjust still... and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still...and behold I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be.' This makes it clear that we cannot wait until he comes to get ready; we must do it now while the doors of salvation are still open.

"Let us turn to Revelation 7:1-4:

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth nor on the sea nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

"Here we behold our God holding back the final destruction of this world until His people can be sealed. How incredibly patient and longsuffering is our God. However, man is becoming so destructive and evil that we wonder how long He can hold the tide back. Many think that God is just waiting to destroy this world. God is the life giver; Satan is the destroyer. He will destroy anything that God will permit him to, even his best servants, because he is such a vicious murderer that he cannot control his own self. As man, more and more separates from God's protection,

destruction, suffering and plagues will become worse and worse. However, God will have a people who will be loyal to Him. Here it tells us that He will seal 144,000 from the tribes of Israel."

"Who is Israel today?" asked John.

"Please look up and read Galatians 3:28,29. 'There is neither Jew nor Greek. There is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus and if ye be Abrahams seed, and heirs according to the promise.' Here we see clearly that anyone who is adopted into the family of Christ is an (overcomer) Israelite. Therefore, this special group are chosen from those christians who are gaining a full victory over sin. Over and over Jesus gives promises in Revelation 'to him that overcomes.' Now it is certain that no one can overcome except by faith in Jesus, but it is important to note that three times in Revelation Jesus describes His victorious people as keeping the commandments of God. (Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14)

"Thus, it is evident that those who receive the seal will be commandment keepers who live by faith in the power of Jesus. "

"What is the meaning of this seal?" asked Ron.

"A seal is a sign of authority. All official documents anciently and even today had to have a seal to be legal. Your birth certificate for instance, or whatever deed or other title you may have will carry a seal of the official Notary Public that authorizes your document.

"A seal always carries three things. The name of the person who has this authority, his title and dominion or territory. For instance, the seal of the President, would be Ronald Reagan, President, the United States of America. God's seal would be similar. In Isaiah 8:16 it says, 'seal the law among my disciples.' Where is God's seal in His most sacred document, the ten commandments? You will find the three identifying stipulations in only one commandment, the fourth or Sabbath commandment and this is logical because the Sabbath is the memorial to creation, which is the basis of God's authority.

"In Exodus 20:8-11 we find His name--The Lord thy God or Jehovah; made or created, so His title is Creator; and His territory,--the heavens and the earth and all that in them is. Now we see that the Sabbath is God's outward seal of authority. All who love Him and wish to honor Him as the Creator will reverently guard this great sign of

His authority.

"If you have any doubt as to what is His sign, let Him tell you in Ezekiel 20:12,19,20.

Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.
I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;
And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

How much clearer could He make it? Now let me ask you a question. If the Sabbath is the sign or seal of God's authority, what would logically be the counterfeit sign or mark of the Devil's authority?"

"Why, the Sunday, of course." said Ron. "It's as clear as a bell, but is there any historical proof for it?"

"Listen to what C.F. Thomas, the chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons wrote, responding to a letter asking if the Catholic Church claimed that the change of the Sabbath was a sign or mark of her authority.

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And that act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious matters.

Furthermore, you will find in the church approved book AN ABRIDGEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE by Henry Tuberville, p. 58, this declaration:

- Q. How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and Holy Days?
- A. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church.
- Q. How prove you that?
- A. Because by keeping Sunday they acknowledge the church's power to ordain feasts, and to command them under sin.

Finally, you will find in A DOCTRINAL CATECHISM, p. 174:

- Q. Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept?
- A. Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her. She could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, change for which there is no scriptural authority."

"How much clearer could they make it?" whistled John.

"I want to explain this clearly so that no one will misunderstand. We do not believe that just because a person is raised up to keep Sunday all his life and doesn't know about it's history and background, that he has the Mark of the Beast. The mark of the beast we believe will be placed on those who have learned the truth about the matter and still in rebellion go ahead and keep the day of the sun no matter what God says. Actually we don't believe anyone has seen the issues clearly enough yet.

"Let's go to Revelation 13 and see how this will take place. In the first eight verses the beast is clearly identified as the papacy, then another beast is revealed in verse 11 as coming up out of the earth. Do you remember where the church was protected from the flood of persecution in chapter 12 verse 16?"

"I do," said Ellen. "It meant the United States where the Protestants were protected from papal persecution."

"Exactly, Ellen, now we are going to see something extremely interesting. It says this new beast had lamblike horns. It started out very gentle like a lamb but then it goes on to say that it would speak as a dragon! According to this prophecy, The United States, which was the only young lamblike nation arising to world power in 1798 when the papacy received it's deadly wound, will change its' democratic stance on separation of church and state and rather than preserve religious freedom as it historically has done, it will turn into a terrible persecuting power that will force everyone to follow after the papacy. This country has been considered a Protestant country therefore, it must be the Protestants that will resort to uniting the church and state to enforce the counterfeit Sunday and other doctrines of devils."

"Hey, Ernest, what about this group of evangelicals called the Moral Majority? Isn't that exactly what they are trying to do? They are pushing for Sunday laws and

Bible reading in public schools, etc, and think they can legislate religion."

"You are so right," said Ernest. "A few years ago, Protestants stood for separation of church and state but now this is all going out the window and it's just this kind of people who will try to force the world to follow the pope! A few years back nobody could have believed this, but after the pope's last incredibly successful visit, where thousands of Protestant ministers lined up to give him honor and kiss his ring, it is now very easy to see how in a crisis of terrorism that is now developing, they will do anything to bring back order, even to putting our nation under the pope's rule.

"You see the politicians are losing control and there are calls from all over for the pope to come and settle disputes like he just settled between Argentina and Chile, the other day. As the governments, like Salvador , and many others begin to lose control they will gladly have the pope come in to produce law and order. The pope has even been trying to help the communists keep the lid on things in Poland.

"Now notice, that it says that he makes an image to the beast in verse 16. An image is a likeness. The Catholic Church has always, as did Nimrod, tried to unite church and state so as to force the people to follow her dictates. Now the U.S. very soon will do the same thing. In verse 15 it says, 'and he had power to give life unto the image of the beast...and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.' Now we see the Old Destroyer in control again. But let's continue. 'And he causeth all both small and great...to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name!...and his number is six hundred and sixty six.'

"Right now we are facing into tremendous problems of terrorism and robbery that are going to force us into using a new system of exchange of money called EFT for Electronic Funds Transfer system in which no one can be robbed, because they do not carry any money. Although at first the idea was to use a credit card, they are even finding that the card can be stolen and misused with false identification. Now some of the leading planners such as Lowell Brisbin, vice-president of the U.S. National Bank and officer of the Automated Clearing House Association, an organization of financial institutions established to transfer funds between financial institutions electronically, are now advocating a hand scan machine which identifies one by his fingerprints so that no fraud can take place.

"Satan uses the same program in his healing system, causing the people to trust in man and his toxic medicines and abilities to cure, rather than in the Great Physician and His laws of health and natural non-toxic medicines. Satan puts great emphasis on expensive cures rather than teach people to prevent disease by changing their harmful lifestyles. He deceives them into thinking they can take some miracle drug to cure them so that they can go on in their disobedience to God's laws of health. Then he obtains a monopoly for his system of cure so no other system can be chosen. Any monopoly in religion or healing is always stilted and narrow to the participants. "Let Freedom Ring" for God always preserves our free choice.

"This overpowering approach took over in the church of Rome in its educational, healing and preaching services and it can easily be introduced in any church today. Perhaps one of the best ways of detecting if his monopolizing system has gained control in your church is to ask the questions: 'If God sent the rustic, John the Baptist or Elijah or even the meek and lowly Jesus, none of whom had man-given titles but were educated by God's Holy Spirit, would they be able to teach in your schools, heal in your hospitals, or preach in your pulpits? Has your group become so enamored by man's wisdom and abilities that it has made no allowance for the Spirit of God to reach them through a humble instrument that He can work through?

"If there cannot be a positive, yes, given, then that group may be in great danger of receiving the number 666 or worship of man and rejection of God's Spirit, just as the Jews did when they rejected our Lord Jesus Christ."

"I'm going to ask our priest about these things," said Ellen. "He's very intelligent and helpful and even interested in reforms."

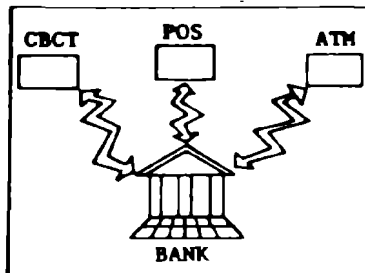
"Good idea. I'd love to meet him," said Ernest. "Now let us look at the seal and number of God that He offers to us. In Revelation 7:1-4, you remember, it tell us about the 144,000 persons who were to be sealed from the tribes of Israel or God's church. Here we find a special number. Twelve is God's kingdom number. He started the nation of Israel with 12 tribes, later the Christian church with 12 disciples. 144, of course, is the square of 12. In Revelation 14:1-5 we find more information about this group.

"They have the name of the Father written in their forehead. God's name represents his character. The forehead represents the mind. It's interesting that while the mark of the beast can be received in the hand or the forehead, the Seal of God is received only in the forehead or

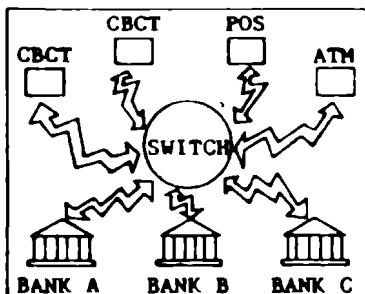
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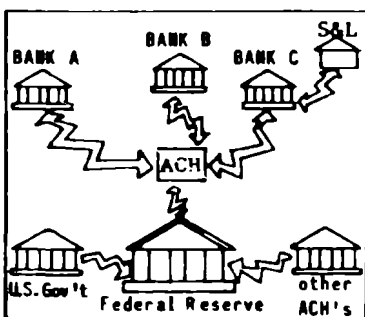
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SHARED SYSTEM Terminals are shared by customers of all card-issuing institutions on the network. Transactions are routed by a switch or switches to cardholder's financial in- stitution. The type of system designed for the MAPS project and envisioned for holder- of MINTS and Prestige cards.



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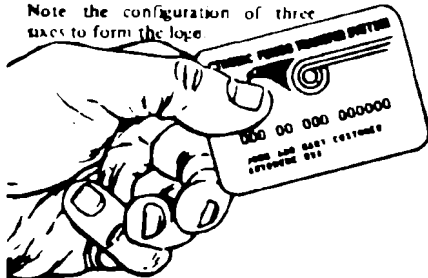
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THE FUTURE IN YOUR HAND

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation. 13:16-17

TARSHISH AND ALL THE YOUNG LIONS? (Ezekiel 38:13) This logo is being used by financial institutions in the state of Florida. Except for the eagle's head, the logo is identical to that used on Australia's new national bank card. Note the configuration of three axes to form the logo.



Testimonies of the men below reveal the checkless, cashless society concept--moving funds via a transaction card from one account to another account without the use of money. However, the man pictured above reveals a new concept--eliminating the debt card all together. Read Report No. 2 and learn about "THE HAND-SCAN MACHINE."



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All purchases and payments could be made by this system by just having small portable handscanners which are tuned in to a central receiver, each one having his special frequency and number. This number could be invisibly put into the hand to be picked up by infra red or some other type of ray.

"In the accompanying illustration you will see three types of systems already in use or ready to put into operation.

"One surely wonders if the 666 logos chosen by the national bank of Australia and a number of financial institutions in Florida and shown in the photo of the credit card, is pure happenstance or diabolically planned? In any case, this system of the most total economic control ever planned by the fertile mind of man, is now ready as soon as the world is desperate enough to accept it. Terrorism will bring the acceptance.

"Author Arthur Miller forecasts the following:

Checks, and perhaps cash, will disappear someday, and all purchases will be made on universal credit cards. Each transaction will be electronically recorded in a computer network that will maintain a running account of every one's financial activities. The tax dodger will become a historical curiosity.

"Tim Ponder, in Liberty Magazine, in it's January-February issue makes the following comment:

The technology is available, if mankind chooses to use it. An eightynine page study prepared by James Rule was presented in September, 1975, to the Committee on the Right of Privacy, headed by then Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller. It told of both the beneficial and detrimental social impact of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), the system described by Miller, in which a person would have one computer account for all transactions. The study pointed out several situations made possible by such a system: a traffic offender delinquent in paying his ticket would not be able to make any more EFT's. And persons sought by the police could be coerced into surrender by not allowing them to make any transactions.

"If these reasons, stated above, are enough to cause one to lose the privelege to buy or sell, what would they do to those who would not accept a religious Sunday law?

Eventually this law will include prohibiting one from keeping God's Sabbath.

"Oh, Ernest, do you really think that could be possible," questioned Ellen, "especially in this free country?"

"It happened in Constantine's time, Ellen, and how often 'history repeats itself,' especially when our country begins to speak like a dragon. It is hard to believe what governments can be agitated to do, when terrorism and calamities get bad enough. Have you heard of Executive Order No. 11051 all ready for emergency implementation for our country? Read this inset carefully."

LIBERTY LOBBY suggests that all Americans acquaint themselves with these eleven Executive Orders which establish the machinery to authorize the President and his advisors to take control of every significant factor of the private sector of our society.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 11051 details responsibilities of the Office of Emergency Planning and gives authorization to put all other Executive Orders into effect in times of increased international tension or economic or financial crisis.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10995 provides for a take-over of communications media.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10997 provides for a take-over of all electrical power, petroleum, gas fuels and minerals.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10998 provides for a take-over of all food resources and farms.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10999 provides for a take-over of all modes of transportation and control of highways, seaports, etc.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 11000 provides for mobilization of all civilians into work brigades under government supervision.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 11001 provides for government take-over of all health, education and welfare functions.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 11002 designates Postmaster General to operate a National registration of all persons.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 11003 provides for the government to take over airports and aircraft.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 11004 provides for the Housing and Finance Authority to RELOCATE COMMUNITIES, BUILD NEW HOUSING.

You see how easily our liberties can be taken away from us in time of national emergency?

"Now, we have already explained to you the historical background of the number 666, but it says it is the number of the beast power. Why? Because we find the papacy carrying on the same program as started by Nimrod, the sun-god, thousands of years ago. The same doctrines, customs and the uniting church and state to enforce it's dogmas and decrees.

"As the pagans were being converted from Sun worship, the popes purposely took titles that would impress these pagans with their Divine authority. As you will remember the pagans superstitiously believed the number 666 to be the highest of all numbers and included all the god's protection. Thus, we find three titles taken by the pope, Dux Cleri (captain of the clergy), Ludovicus (chief vicar of the Court of Rome), and by far the most well known and taken at his coronation, Vicarius Fillii Dei meaning Vicar (in place of) of the Son of God. All of these titles should belong to Christ or the Holy Spirit only.

"The prophecy says in Revelation 13:18, 'Here is wisdom, let him that understandeth count (or calculate) the number of the beast, for his number is 666.' As you know the official language of the Roman Church is Latin and thus many letters have numerical value.

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Now we see by three titles, which the pope has taken, that he clearly has identified himself as the beast power.

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"You remember that the six was the number of man and used religiously as it is the worship of man or putting man before God:

1. Physically, as we place the desires of the flesh of appetite, sexual lust, or glorification of physical prowess.
2. Mentally, as we worship man's wisdom, teachings or intellect, trusting in it rather than the Word of God. Also feasting our minds on immorality in what we read, T.V., movies, etc. rather than on the things of God.
3. Spiritually, as we allow any man or organization to take the place of our relationship with God and put our works and accomplishments as our means of salvation rather than the perfect life and death of Jesus. Spiritual pride is man's greatest danger.

"Actually we must realize that the pope is only a revelation of what is in each of our hearts as we endeavor to lift ourselves above God. If we allow any of the above things to control our hearts so that we worship self, we have taken the number to the beast.

"Not only can a person take the number of the beast in that form but it can be adopted corporately into a church group. God's church as a body, must be very alert that she keep the Evil One from bringing in his Babylonian customs in any form, especially in the area of her three ministries to mankind. Jesus commissioned us to preach, teach, and heal as He did. (Matthew 9:35; 28:19) Satan has brought in his counterfeit systems of education, healing and preaching where man is glorified rather than God.

"Satan's system of education or preaching puts trust in man's theories rather than a Thus Saith the Lord. It glorifies man by giving him titles after completing a proscribed brain-washing course of study where he is not allowed to think for himself but only to regurgitate information fed to him by the so-called authorities. He is stimulated to learn by rewards, competition, etc. in place of love for the truth and to glorify God. When Satan has gained control over these persons so that the Holy Spirit can no longer reach them, he then convinces the people that only those who have these titles can be accredited to teach or preach, thus eliminating any Spirit-taught person that God might send who may not have these pre-requisites. God wants us to get all the education possible but never worship it or think that he is limited to one form of educating people.

mind. Many people are looking for a physical mark to be put on people, but I suspect this is more symbolic of the set of the mind. Receiving the mark in the hand could mean that one buckles under pressure of the Sunday law and does what the beast pushes one to do even though one does not really believe it is right.

"On the other hand, there will be those who chose to believe that the papacy has a right to change laws and establish the day of the Sun, in place of God's Sabbath. Thus, force will be used to uphold this right.

"...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. (2 Thessalonians 2:10,11)

"Satan will accept a forced service but God will not. This is why Satan always wins more adherents. God says 'You choose, I will never try to force you. I want you to obey my laws because you believe in me and my government.' Therefore, His seal can only be on the mind. Really the final choice of mankind is to accept the mind of Satan or the mind of Christ.

"Jesus said, 'I have kept my Father's commandments.' (John 15:10) His character is to co-operate and obey, so those who take His mind will love God's laws and believe they are for the best. Thus, the keeping of God's Sabbath would be an outward sign of an inward love and desire to please Him. On the other hand, the mind of Satan would evidence itself in rebellion, disobedience and endeavor to substitute what he thinks in place of what God says, outwardly evidenced by keeping the Sun-day when one understands it's origin but not desiring to change.

"Here is another beautiful thought. It said that the Father's name is writtin in the forehead yet we say that the seal is the Sabbath. I like this connection revealing the name of the Father 'ABBA' right in the center of the S*ABBA*TH."

"Why that is so beautiful! Think of it! How much more precious is the Sabbath when one remembers that the Father is present in the Sabbath," exclaimed Ellen.

"You know, Ernest, it seems to me that it would be a horrible thing to have the mind of Satan," commented Ron. "You would hate and resent everyone and want to kill them. You couldn't trust anyone else because you couldn't trust

yourself. Your mind would be totally negative. That would be a hell in itself."

"It surely would, Ron. It gives me the shudders just to think about it," agreed John.

"Now do you see why it's so important that we seek to have the mind of Christ?" questioned Ernest. "But there's even a more important reason yet, and that is to choose the mind of Christ for Jesus' sake. When you realize that your choice to have His mind will bring Him great happiness you respond with joyful cooperation.

"Let us read these verses in Revelation 14 about the 144,000. It says that they are pure, not holding on to any of the adulteries of Babylon. It indicates that they are going to be married to Jesus in the great final judgment process. Jesus compared the judgment to a marriage feast where the governor of the wedding came in to examine the guests to see if they had the wedding garment on. In other words were they trusting in the righteousness of Jesus, instead of in their own works, or garments, for salvation?

"The act of trusting in Him only, brings humility, love and dependance which are really the antidotes for sin in the life. For that reason it says of this group that, 'in their mouth was no guile for they are without fault before the throne of God.' Because they have confessed Jesus, He has confessed them as His, before the Father the Great Judge of the universe. He has judged in their favor and commanded, as it says in Zachariah, 'take away their filthy garments.'

"In Malachi 3:1-4 that when He comes in judgment to cleanse His people or His temple, He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and He shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the Lord an offering of righteousness.'

"Thus we see that the judgment is the best news in the world, a complete deliverance from all sin and evil by our God's creative power so that He can joyfully say of those who have chosen His seal or Sabbath, 'here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.'

"There is something else about this wonderful seal. In Jeremiah 23:6 it says '...and this is his name whereby he shall be called, 'THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' Now in Jeremiah 33:14,15. There is a glorious promise. Ellen you are planning to marry Ron. What is going to happen to your name when you get married?"

"Why I'll take Ron's last name," said Ellen happily.

"In the same way when we are married to Christ in the final judgment, we'll receive a 'new name.' (Revelation 2:17)

"Now let's read what that new name will be:

In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name whereby she shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jeremiah 33:14,15)

Isn't that thrilling? Your family name will be THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"You know, I used to think that heaven would be a rather boirng place where we would just sit on a cloud and strum a harp eternally. But now I see something very exiting. In Revelation 20:6 it tells us that we shall be kings and priests of God. That means we will have authority and mediate God's love, or in other words, we shall be preachers of righteousness to the universe, especially the 144,000 who will 'follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth,' throughout the universe. Wherever we go, when we meet heavenly beings and they ask our name, what will we say?"

"Oh, I get it," exclaimed John. "We'll say, 'my name is THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS and thus we will ever remind people of the Righteousness of Christ."

"Exactly, John, and then I'm sure we will have the privilege of giving our testimony that we have eternally learned to trust Him for our life, wisdom and righteousness, as He is the fountain of all good."

"Wow, that is exciting. What a joy it will be to travel with Jesus establishing more and more faith in His righteousness, so that nobody in the universe will ever choose to doubt Him again," observed Ron. "I think that will be the most enjoyable activity of all."

"Now let us just review the beliefs of this special group, who receive the Seal of God, once more," Ernest continued. "In the first place, they will deny any personal divinity, believing that they are created by the great unique Creator who always will be God. They always will be finite beings dependent on Him for life (they have no immortality of their own), wisdom (they know the wisdom of man is foolishness as he cannot tell good from evil except as God guides him) and righteousness (he will never seek to make himself righteous but will eternally realize that

righteousness only comes in a relationship with God, the Source of all good).

"Secondly, realizing all this, they will be most happy to obey all of God's commandments and live in total harmony with Him, fully trusting in His government of love. They have the outward upward look, ever thinking on Him and others; therefore they are unselfish.

"On the other hand, those who receive the Mark of the Beast, will claim to have all of God's powers and prerogatives as they try to make themselves gods. They will not respect God's commandments but will always be trying to 'do their own thing,' no matter how it may hurt others. They don't care about harmonizing with other's but are always looking downward and inward concentrating on self, trying to find God within and thus animalizing him and becoming twisted and perverted in their concepts of Him. Then they treat others as they think their perverted god would do. This is the mind of Satan.

"Now I want you to think on a very serious problem that our Savior and mediator has. Everytime we sin, the book of Hebrews shows that, Christ pleads His blood in our behalf before the Father and forgives us if we confess our sins and ask to be forgiven. What would happen if He did not continue this mediatorial work for us?"

"We surely would be lost, if we continued sinning," responded John.

"But Jesus wants to leave the sanctuary and come to claim His bride the church. And the only way He can be released from responsibility as mediator, is by His people choosing to cease sinning. Have you thought of the fact that your sins hold Him captive as it were, in the heavenly sanctuary? He loves you and cannot bear for you to be lost, and so He waits as the 'lamb having been slain.'

"Every sin we commit causes Him pain and suffering and He has to bear Satan's taunts. 'See there, look at your children. They really don't love you. Furthermore, it's impossible for anybody who has ever lived under my government, and tasted the joys of self-worship to keep the law.'

"But Jesus replies, 'Love will work out. I have faith that my people will choose to follow me and give sin or disharmony up no matter what the cost.'

"Will you choose to be on Jesus' side? He will cleanse you; He will give the victory if you are willing.

"Many years ago in the early Christian Church, there was a beautiful young woman who had accepted Jesus as her Savior. Her husband was a wealthy young merchant who couldn't understand her new found faith. When the authorities found out that she had become a Christian, which was prohibited by law in Ephesus, they brought her before a statue of Diana, the goddess of fertility and immorality, demanded that she offer her incense or be thrown to the lions.

"Her parents were there and they pled that she do this simple act so she could comfort them in their old age. Sorrowfully she said, 'Jesus gave up his Father to come to this world to save you and me, I must be willing to make that sacrifice for Him.'

"Then her handsome husband took her in his arms and pled with her to show her love for him by doing what he asked of her. But she said, 'My darling, I love you so much that I must give you the true example of a true Christian so that you will accept Jesus also.'

"Finally, they put her newborn baby in her arms and said, 'Will you deny this babe it's mother?' She answered, 'Jesus said, whosoever confesseth me before men, him will I also confess before my Father in heaven. The eternal life of my child is more important to me than his temporal life and Jesus has promised to save my children. There is nothing so dear that I can give up for him who gave all for me.'

"With that answer they grabbed her in fury and started dragging her to the lions. One of the soldiers, who had been watching and who had been studying Christianity cried out, 'I too shall follow Jesus.' She had won her first soul for Jesus, and they gave up their lives together for their Savior. Drusilla's testimony is still gaining souls for Him. John, Ron and Ellen, what will you do with Jesus?"

"We too shall follow Him and obey His commandments to the death." they answered together.

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